



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

Sunday 5th 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: 270; 158; 242; 217

The lighting of the second Advent candle:

Celebrant: We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. *(the candle of peace is lit)*

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

Let us pray: **Thank you God for the peace 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 everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen

(The congregation sings the 2nd verse and chorus of Hymn 265)

Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78–79*

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

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. 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 Malachi chapter 3.1 – 4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of

hosts. ⁶ For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. ⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ ⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹ I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. ¹³ You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord . Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?’

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Song of Zechariah

Said: Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, **Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Free to worship you without fear: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, To give God’s people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 1.1 – 11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 Luke Chapter 3.1 – 6

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" '

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray: Faithful God, long ago you sent messengers to prepare for the Messiah's birth. As we prepare today for the Messiah to come again, we bring to you our prayers for your world and for your church.

Long ago, you made a covenant with your chosen people: we pray today for all the peoples of the earth. Come to those who suffer war, famine or disease, and to whose greed or apathy perpetuates injustice. We pray for an equitable rollout of vaccines to nations to combat the Covid pandemic. Open our hearts to hear your disturbing words of justice and peace, and make us bold to speak your word in places of conflict and oppression. Faithful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Long ago, your prophets foretold the birth of a Saviour: we pray today for your church throughout the world, for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop and all the clergy and people. Come to all who long to be set free from sin, and by the power of your love subdue our rebellious wills. Open our hearts to hear your liberating words of repentance and truth, and make us bold to speak your word in places of disobedience and unbelief. Faithful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Long ago, you came to live among the poor and the outcast: we pray today for the forgotten and unwanted people of our community. We pray especially for the communities suffering the effects of drought, bushfires, floods and the Covid pandemic. Come to all who are hungry and homeless, and to those without friends or family to care for them. Open our hearts to hear your reconciling words of compassion and love and make us bold to speak your word in places of alienation and loneliness. Faithful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Long ago, you healed the sick and comforted the sad: we pray today for all who suffer. Come to those who are wounded in body, heart, mind or spirit and relieve their anxiety, pain and despair. 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 and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*]. Open our hearts to hear the consoling words of healing and hope, and make us bold to speak your word in places of pain and grief. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Faithful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Long ago, you promised to raise the dead to new life: we give you thanks for John the Baptist, for your prophets of old and for your prophets today. We pray for the recently departed Hilary Lyners and those whose anniversary of death we remember today. Angus Cooper (5th); George Poulter, Joan McLean, Edward Kennard (6th); Edith Whittingslow (7th); Ray Jackson, Eric Beaumont (8th); Michelle Potts, Tara Alexander, Marjorie McDougall (9th); Clarence Parkinson (10th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Open our hearts to hear your word and our mouths to speak your word, that, with all your saints, we may be brought safely through the deep night of death to greet the sunrise of everlasting day. Faithful God, 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.**

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:

Please support our Christmas Raffle. Three prices on offer \$2 p/ticket or 3 for \$5.

Monday 17th January 2022 OP Shop committee Meeting at Church-house at 12.30 pm.

Parish Council meeting Wednesday 20th 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]

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

3rd Wednesday of the month: Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Monday 6 th December	10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off
Tuesday 7 th December	6.30pm – Advent Bible Study at Kilmore
Wednesday 8 th December	11.10am – Res Eucharist at Caladenia RACF 02.15pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF
Thursday 9 th December	10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford 10.00am – 12.00 Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting
Friday 10 th December	10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF 10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading
Saturday 11 th December	10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 12th November: Third Sunday of Advent: Zephaniah 3.14 – 20; Song of Isaiah (APBA, p.391) Philippians 4.4 – 7; Luke 3.7 – 18		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further notice

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 th December	Isaiah 43.14 – 44.5	Isaiah 7.1 – 17
	Mark 6.30 – 56	1 Thessalonians 5.12 – 17
Tuesday	Ps 90	Ps 119.89 – 104
7 th December	Isaiah 44.6 – 23	Isaiah 7.18 – 8.4
	Mark 7.1 – 23	2 Thessalonians 1
Wednesday	Ps 89.1 – 18	Ps 89.19 – 38
8 th December	Isaiah 44.24 – 45.8	Isaiah 8.5 – 9.1
	Mark 7.24 – 37	2 Thessalonians 2
Thursday	Ps 89.39 – 53	Ps 91
9 th December	Isaiah 45.9 – 25	Isaiah 9.2 – 17

	Mark 8.1 – 13	2 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
10 th December	Isaiah 46.1 – 47.4	Isaiah 9.18 – 10.11
	Mark 8.14 – 26	Revelation 14.1 – 12
Saturday	Ps 95; 96	Ps 97; 98
11 th December	Isaiah 48.1 – 13	Isaiah 10.12 – 32
	Mark 8.27 – 9.1	Revelation 14.13 – 20

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Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/> or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. It's also on the link Services Online on the website.

Advent Bible Study Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 06.30pm with bring and share finger supper. Christ Church, Kilmore. **Thursday mornings** at St Matthew's Broadford at 10.40am to 11.15am.

Parish Council end of year gathering with partners / spouses on Tuesday the 14th December 06.00pm for 6.30pm "Bring and Share" at Gavan Hall Broadford.

Op Shop Volunteers' Christmas Lunch Thursday 16th December 12.30pm at Christ Church.

Notice of Application for Faculty

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.

19th *Carols and Lessons in Kilmore*: 6.00pm (Community Carols)

24th December – Christmas Eve

11.30 pm **Midnight Mass** Broadford

25th December - **Christmas Day**

09.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

26th December – First Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Holy Eucharist – Christ Church, Kilmore

Combined Service Kilmore (one service only)