



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

Sunday 5th August 2018
Feast of Title: St Stephen



*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.***

HYMNS: 141; 526; Christ Triumphant; 517

Sentence:

The Most High does not live in houses made with hands, as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, says the Lord.' *Acts 7.48 – 49*

THE COLLECT

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen, the first martyr, who prayed for his persecutors, and looked to him who was crucified, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the second Book of Chronicles chapter 24.17 – 22

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and did obeisance to the king; then the king listened to them. ¹⁸They abandoned the house of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and served the sacred poles and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. ¹⁹Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD; they testified against them, but they would not listen. ²⁰ Then the spirit of God took possession of Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the people and said to them, ‘Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has also forsaken you.’ ²¹But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the LORD. ²²King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had shown him, but killed his son. As he was dying, he said, ‘May the LORD see and avenge!’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow each reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 31.1 – 8

Said: Into your hands, O Lord, I commit my spirit.

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: for me never be put to shame. O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold. Lead me and guide me for your name’s sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength. **...R**

Into your hands I commit my spirit; you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth. I hate those that clutch vain idols: but my trust is in the Lord. I will rejoice and be glad in your loving-kindness: for you have looked on my distress and known me in adversity. You have not given me over to the power of the enemy: you have set my

feet where I may walk at liberty.

...R

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 6.8 – 10; 7.54 – 60

8 Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. 7.54 When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD: the LORD is God and has given us light. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 10.17 – 22

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child,

and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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: Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O, God our refuge and shelter, we turn to you as we pray for all your people: We pray for the world and all the nations that the feast of St Stephen will awaken within us even more forcefully the prayer to God that the hands of the violent who sow death may be prevented, and that justice and peace may prevail throughout the world. Help our earth that continues to be bathed in innocent blood. We pray for those places in the world of strife, trouble and war; for the many victims; for the restoration of safety and serenity: for violence is a way that leads only to suffering, destruction and death; respect, reconciliation and love are the only way to achieve peace. O God, our refuge and strength increase the number of men and women who, like St Stephen, can bear a convincing and courageous witness to the Lord Jesus. (pause) Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your world-wide church. Let your church follow the love of St. Stephen for the Lord. Let those who proclaim your gospel speak boldly and with courage your truth fearlessly. We pray for the people of this parish and all who minister here in your name. We pray for Phillip our Archbishop, John our bishop and all clergy and ministers of your word and sacraments; for the community of faith at St Stephen, Tallarook. Keep our eyes trustfully fixed on God and with a prayer of forgiveness on our lips. Help us to accept suffering and death with courage, trust and forgiving love. O God, our faith and guide increase the number of men and women who, like St Stephen, can bear a convincing and courageous witness to the Lord Jesus. (pause) Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities in which we live: for our families and friends, for those with whom we work, learn and play; for the destitute, the homeless and unemployed; for those outcasts by society, the friendless, addicted; those who are physically and mentally challenged and those who care for them. Help us in our family life to master the knowledge when to speak and when to keep quiet. O God, our helper and stronghold increase the number of men and women who, like St

Stephen, can bear a convincing and courageous witness to the Lord Jesus. (pause) Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer illness, anxiety, loneliness and distress: Lord Jesus, you came to ransom us from the slavery to sin and gave us cause for great rejoicing even in the midst of trials and pain. Help us to patiently and joyfully accept the hardships, adversities, and persecution which come our way in serving you. Strengthen our faith and give us courage not to shrink back from doing your will. We pray especially for Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Joy Rowe, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's daughter), Barry Watts, Fr John Young, Ray Daly, Chris Dumaresq, Marguerite Kisvardai, Jim Chatz and Lorna Emmett. O God, our healer and comforter increase the number of men and women who, like St Stephen, can bear a convincing and courageous witness to the Lord Jesus. (pause) Holy God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We could be killed for the faith, like St. Stephen, and still we are being protected by God, because no one can steal from us what belongs to God. Our hearts belong to him, and our minds, our souls, our salvation. These are held tightly and securely in God's hands for all eternity. We pray for those who have gone before us in faith: the recently departed Bob Barr and those whose anniversary of death we remember this week: Fred Ambler, Roma Nicols (6th); Percival Ryan, Val Wilson, Ronald Brown, Vilma Payne (7th); Stanley Cooper, Erling Larsen, John Inness, Trevor Lang (8th); Thomas Chapman, Robyn Papworth (9th); Jonathon Schafer, Gary Nesbitt, Gregory Stewart, Colin Buck (10th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** (pause) Thank you, God that we don't have to wait until we're dying before commending our spirit into your hands. It is in dying to self – giving up our pride, or our insistence on having things our way, or our impatience, or any particular sins we confess – is a moment of entrusting our spirits to you, our God, our refuge and strength. Like St Stephen, let us at the time of our death fix our eyes on you and enjoy your eternal presence. (pause) Holy God, 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) Jesus, love of the world, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly "BBQ": Our next monthly bring and share 'BBQ' lunch will continue to be hot food. Following the suggestion from our Bishop, the next lunch will be a "Soup Lunch" in aid of the Bishop's Winter Appeal and will be held at Caroline's house (20 Chrystobel Way) on Sunday 12th August. All parishioners are warmly invited to come and enjoy hot soup for a gold coin (or folded note) donation. Money raised will be given to the Winter Appeal. Soups will be gratefully accepted for the lunch and any left-overs will be frozen and given to those in need. If you are unable to attend the lunch but still wish to donate soup, please contact Caroline Burge.

Quiet Morning: Wednesday 8th August 11.00am to 12.00 noon. Examen of consciousness: reflecting on the day. Please join us.

Next Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 15th August 2018, Broadford
Trading Table: If you have any excess produce or preserves you wish to donate, please bring them along and put on the table at the back of the church. All donations will be gratefully received and will be sold with money raised going towards Missions.

Parish Directory: We will be updating our Parish Directory in the coming weeks. If there are any changes of your address, phone or email address please write on the board at the back of the church. Please add if you are missing from the current edition and wish to be included in the 2018 directory. Fr André needs your names to pray for all our families on a daily basis. Thank you.

Emergency Relief: For next week PLEASE donate Tinned, fresh or frozen mixed vegetables for our families to make casseroles for the cold winter days.

To support the Bishop's Winter Appeal, it has been suggested that our next three months lunches on the second Sunday of the month, be "Soup Lunches" for a gold coin donation. If we have left over soup, this can then be frozen either for those in need in our communities or sold to raise further funds for the Winter Appeal. Please consider this for the, August and September lunches.

Madiba the Musical: The parish has been offered discounted tickets to see "Madiba the Musical" (the life of Nelson Mandela) on Wednesday 10th October for the matinee performance at 1.00pm at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne. Tickets cost \$81 for concession and \$91 adult. To take up this offer, payment must be received by **today 5th August (last day)**. This is a great opportunity for us as a parish to see

and learn some of the culture of Fr Andre and Patty and their life in South Africa. Transport will be arranged closer to the time once we know how many are interested. Please contact Caroline for more information or to book in and pay. The discounted tickets are limited but feel free to invite family or friends

Direct 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]

2nd Sun of the month: Parish BBQ - 12.30pm.

2nd Wed of the month: Quiet Morning – 11.00am – 12.00 noon

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

3rd Wed of the month: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm.

Wednesdays 10 am: Knitting Group at Christ Church.

2nd and 4th Saturday 02.00pm: Singing Group meets at Christ Church.

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK

Thursday 9th August 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew, Broadford
04.00pm – Eucharist at Dianella RACF

Friday 10th August 10.30am – Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF
10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House
02.30pm – Hospital Visits Kilmore

Saturday 11th August 10.00am – 12.00pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday 12 August 2018: 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 18.5 – 9,14, 31 – 33; Ps 130; Ephesians 4. 25 – 5.2 ; John 6.35, 41 – 51		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthwe’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen, Tallarook	11.00am	Eucharist

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Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 86	Ps 88
6 th August	Hosea 6.4 – 7.7	Lamentations 1.1 – 11a
	John 10.40 – 11.6	Romans 7.1 – 12
Tuesday	Ps 90	Ps 119.89 – 104
7 th August	Hosea 7.8 – 16	Lamentations 1.11b – 22
	John 11.17 – 37	Romans 7.13 – 25
Wednesday	Ps 89.1 – 18	Ps 89.19 – 38
8 th August	Hosea 8	Lamentations 2.1 – 10
	John 11.38 – 54	Romans 8.1 – 8
Thursday	Ps 89.39 – 53	Ps 91
9 th August	Hosea 9.1 – 12	Lamentations 2.11 – 22
	John 11.55 – 12.11	Romans 8.9 – 17
Friday	Ps 92; 93	Ps 94
10 th August	Hosea 10.1 – 12	Lamentations 3.1 – 33
	John 12.12 – 36a	Romans 8.18 – 27
Saturday	Ps 95; 96	Ps 97; 98
11 th August	Hosea 11.1 – 11	Lamentations 3.34 – 66
	John 12.36b – 50	Romans 8.28 – 39

Parish Website for information: 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.

The Psalmist says, ‘I hate those that clutch vain idols but my trust is in the Lord’. May our trust be in the Lord too, eschewing the idols of prestige, wealth and power. Like St Stephen, may we endure to the end, no matter what the cost.

- Pray for all deacons and archdeacons. Giving thanks for their ministries.

- Pray for the Church of North India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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