



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

Sunday 12th December 2021
Third Sunday of Advent:



*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: 264; 755; 533; 162 (265 for the lighting of the candle)

The lighting of the Third Advent candle:

Celebrant: We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. (the candle of joy is lit)

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

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

(The congregation sings the 3rd verse and chorus of Hymn 265)

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

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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 Zephaniah chapter 3.14 – 20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will

make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Song of Isaiah

Said: With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.

Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and will not be afraid; 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.' With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation. On that day you will say: 'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; **With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.**

'Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted. 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world. 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.' **With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 4.4 – 7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Chapter 3.7 - 18

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’ ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray: Rejoice, for our God is near. Be glad, for the Holy One of Israel will come among us. Holy God, we bring before you our prayers for the world and for your church.

We pray for the peoples of the world, for an equitable rollout of vaccines to nations to combat the Covid pandemic, for all who know persecution, starvation or war. Come to us and bring us freedom and peace to your people. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of nations, for those who make and administer law. Come to us and give wisdom to all who govern. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation, for diversity of people for whom Australia is home. Come to us and bring reconciliation and justice to all who live here. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, for Philip, our Archbishop and Clarence, our Bishop, for all who would repent and prepare for your coming. Come to us and do not hold our misdoings against us. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all from whom we are separated by bitterness, jealousy or resentment. Come to us and renew us with your love. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for who suffer, for the sick and the dying and all who mourn. 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, Jeanne Jones and Vince Fazio ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer.*]. We pray for all who are lonely and friendless, for the unnoticed and unwanted. Come to us and gather yourself the lost and outcast. We give thanks for where healing blessings have been received. Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who dwell with you in heaven. Those whom we remember today: William IsBister, Grace Patterson, Harry Lazarus (12th); Jane Rasmussen, Robert Freestone (14th); Karen Guinelly (15th); Kenneth Hammond, Silvie Knight (16th); Emmy Marschall, Andrew Bulman, William Potts (17th); Jeffrey Morgan, Robert Pratt, Gladys Martin, Elsie Chutter, Dianne Humm (18th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Come to us and bring us home to your eternal presence; Come, Holy God, and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who wait in hope for your coming. Come to us in weakness and humility and reveal to us your power and glory. Come, Holy God, and 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.**

Notices:

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 13th November 10.00am – 12.00pm Op shop: Trading, Drop off

Tuesday 14th November 6.00pm Parish Council gathering at Gavan Hall, bring
and share.

Wednesday 15th December 02.10pm – Res Eucharist at Dianella RACF
6.30pm – Advent Bible Study at Kilmore

Thursday 16th December 10.00am – Eucharist at St Matthew’s Broadford
10.00am – 12.00 Op shop: Trading, Drop off, sorting

Friday 17th December 10.30am – Res Eucharist at Blue Cross RACF
10.00am – 04.00pm Op shop: Trading

Saturday 18th December 10.00am – 12.00 noon Op Shop

Next Sunday 19th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5.2 – 5a; Song of Mary (APBA p.31); Hebrews 10.5 – 10; Luke 1.39 – 45		
Christ Church, Kilmore	09.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	until	Further notice

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 101; 102.1 – 11	Ps 101.12 – 28
13 th December	Isaiah 10.33 – 11.9	Isaiah 11.10 – 12.6
	Mark 9.2 – 32	Revelation 15
Tuesday	Ps 108; 109.20 – 30	Ps 119.105 – 128
14 th December	Isaiah 13.1 – 13	Isaiah 13.14 – 14.2
	Mark 9.33 – 50	Revelation 16
Wednesday	Ps 104.1 – 25	Ps 104.26 – 37
15 th December	Isaiah 14.3 – 23	Isaiah 14.23 – 32
	Mark 10.1 – 16	Revelation 17
Thursday	Ps 105.1 – 22	Ps 105.23 – 45
16 th December	Isaiah 15	Isaiah 16
	Mark 10.17 – 31	Revelation 18.1 – 10
Friday	Ps 106.1 – 24	Ps 106.25 – 50
17 th December	Isaiah 21	Isaiah 49.1 – 13
	Mark 10.46 – 11.11	Revelation 19.1 – 10
Saturday	Ps 107.1 – 22	Ps 107.23 – 43
18 th December	Isaiah 22.1 – 14	Isaiah 49.14 – 26
	Mark 11.12 – 26	Revelation 19.11 – 21

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Advent Bible Study Wednesday 15th 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)

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