



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
10th November 2013
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*A warm welcome to our visitors please stay for coffee
after the service*

Hymns: 181, 548, 690, 613



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book

SENTENCE

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' *John 11.25-26.*

THE COLLECT

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through 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

Haggai 1.15-2.9

A reading from the book of Haggai

On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius, on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ‘Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ declares the Lord. ‘Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘and work. For I am with you,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’ ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145 1-5,17-21

Response: I will bless you and praise you forever, O God my King.

Gerry Fitzpatrick

Response
cf. vs. 1, 2 I will bless you and praise you for e - ver, O God my King.

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts./R

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works./R

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy./R

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead;
to him be glory and dominion forev- | er and ever.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 20. 27 - 40

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ‘Teacher,’ they said, ‘Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?’ Jesus replied, ‘The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord “the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.’ Some of the teachers of the law responded, ‘Well said, teacher!’ And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of all creation, you make all things new. You renew in us hope that the world will change, that things will turn around, that all will turn to you and your ways. May we be equipped to be your agents of change in the power of the Holy Spirit. In times of despair, lift us up. In times of darkness, shine your light. O Holy One, you are always beside us. You have come before us and you go ahead of us. You have prepared a way for us. Help us to trust in you, to know you as the God of the living not the dead.

God of all hope, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peoples of the world, for those who will be hungry, hurting and dying this day for lack of care and insufficient resources; for children afflicted by preventable diseases and for mothers whose babies die too young. For men who would wage war for political and financial gain and those who oppose them. We

pray peace and justice for a hurting and broken world, especially for the peoples of Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Central Africa. Jesus, remember all the deprived of the world when they come to your kingdom. Your will be done on earth!

God of all hope, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation we give thanks for the work and witness of the the Church of the Province of Central Africa. and for the support provided by Anglican Board of Mission to the Zambia Anglican Council, and for all called to minister in difficult situations; for our Defence Force Chaplains; for our Diocese and for our Bishop John; for our parish as we seek to show your love to all.

God of all hope, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, we pray for our country and our Government that all may share with justice the resources of this land; for those who seek to find a home amongst us and for those held in detention; we continue our prayer for all suffering grief and hardship as a result of the bush fires in NSW.

God of all hope, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, hear our prayer for all who are in need or trouble, the lonely, the friendless, those who are victims of neglect or abuse; for the sick and the suffering and those in sorrow, anguish or pain; for the dying and those who wait with them. We pray for those known to us and those who have requested prayer:

Request for prayer from: *Heather Turnbull, Chris Schafer, David Flower, Glen Turnbull, Tom Scrivens, Darren Winfield, Norma Hedley, Justin Quigg, Kelly Quigg, Karen Goodger, Michael Farrell, David Parsons, Matthen, Nicole, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Carol Boase, Lyn Ryan, Linda, Bruce Mitchell, Fr Michael Nelson, Mandy.*

God of all hope, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember and pray for those whom we love but see no longer; for all who killed by war and all who have devoted their lives to the service of others we pray for the recently departed, and for those whose years mind occurs this week:

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

O God our healer, keep us aware of your presence, support us with your power, comfort us with your protection, give us strength, establish us in your peace, and hear us as we pray for ourselves we pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father ...[pg. 124]**

Year's mind: Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: 11th Lorna Carboon; 14th William Smith, Fred Wright; 15th Lyle McMahan, Marjorie Shanahan.

Saint's Days and Holy Days: 11th Martin Bishop of Tours (d.c.387); 12th Charles Simeon, priest & evangelist (d.1836); 16th Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor (d.1093).

Reflections on the Readings

Haggai was a Hebrew prophet during the building of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, and one of the twelve minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible and author of the Book of Haggai. His name means "my holiday". He speaks to a community that was discouraged, downtrodden, and that faced a daunting task in the rebuilding of the temple destroyed by the Babylonians. No money, not enough people to help, lack of sufficient leadership resources...hmm, sound familiar? God's words through Haggai speak to practically any and every situation we might face in our congregations today. "Take courage...work, for I am with you." God still "shakes the heavens" when they need shaking — and it's not bad to notice that all the silver and the gold belong to God, as well. The good news is God has all the money we need to accomplish the purposes God has for us. Of course, as the punch line to the old preacher joke goes, the bad news is "it's all in your pockets!" The bits of Psalm 145 are interesting too. By now, we should all be pretty familiar with the computer jargon acronym, GIGO - it stands for "garbage in, garbage out." Despite the incredible technological advances and ultra-high speed machines that are a part of our daily lives, computers still can't think for you. They will only do exactly what you program them to do. Our brains function pretty much the same way, when you stop and think about it. If we are dumping negative thoughts and unhelpful information into our systems all the time, it will be almost impossible to produce a life that is positive and uplifting. GIGO when it comes to what you allow into your head and heart. The psalmist proposes a better approach: GSIGSO. "Good Stuff In, Good Stuff Out." Verse 5 says, "On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate." Meditate - think - ponder - analyse -appropriate. Put the good stuff in your brains, people - and you'll be amazed at the good stuff that will come out! In the 2 letter to the Thessalonians the folks who were following the way of Christ during the 30 or so years after his resurrection and ascension were evidently getting a little nervous about his promise to return. Paul is doing a little clean-up work on just exactly how and what Jesus might have meant. In the Gospel reading from Luke - many are the teachings and interpretations that have sprung from these apocryphal words by Jesus. I'm not getting into any speculation about knowing your husband or wife in heaven, or how we all may (or may not) recognize one another when we get there. I'm just taking the promise of v.38 to be the gospel truth: "Now God is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for to God, all of them [us] are alive." That'll do!

Adapted from John Fairless (2013) <http://lectionarylab.com>

Notices

Retiring Collection for Bishop's NSW Bushfire Appeal - please give generously - funds will be sent to Diocese of Sydney to help those in need.

Parish BBQ - 6.30pm this Friday @ Len & Robyn Whitehouse 4 Kurkurac Court, Kilmore. BYO refreshment, meat, salad and dessert to share.

Direct Debit Offerings - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649.

St George's Presbyterian Church Broadford extends an invitation to their Teaching Convention - 9-10 November \$5 see flier in churches.

Thank you!

Thank you to the many friends who were able to come and help celebrate my "25 Years in Kilmore" BBQ last Sunday, (particularly Parochial Nominators from 1988 Noel and Bruce!). It has been an extraordinary 25 years for my family and I thank you all for your support and friendship in that time, especially in the early years. - Caroline



Parish life this week

Second week of November

Monday 11th	10.00am	Remembrance Day Service - Dianella
Tuesday 12th	11.00am	Funeral St Luke's Yea
Thursday 14th	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews
	2.00pm	Eucharist Willowmeade
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 15th	10.00am – 4.00pm	Op Shop Church House
	6.30pm	Parish BBQ (see notices for details)
Saturday 16th	10.00am – 12noon	Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 17th November: Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65. 17-25; Song of Isaiah; 2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13; Luke 21. 5-19

Christ Church	9am	Sung Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Holy Eucharist
St Stephens	11am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration	4pm	Holy Eucharist

Parish Diary

- 1st Wed of the month:** Building and Maintenance Committee Meeting
7.30pm Christ Church (unless otherwise notified)
- 3rd Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm
fellowship & afternoon tea; contact Edie Simpson ph.
5784 1246 for details.
- 3rd Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA
- 4th Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris
Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details
- 3rd Friday of month:** Parish BBQ - 6.30pm. See Notices for details
- 4th Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

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