



The Diocese of Wangaratta
The Anglican Parish of Kilmore
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook
16th February 2014
**Service of Comfort and Support
for those Affected by Fire**

Hymns: 474, 430 [Tune 129], 232 [Tune 153], 47



Introit Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

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SENTENCE

The Lord sent forth his word and healed them, and saved them from destruction; Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for his children. *Psalm 107. 20-21.*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God and Father of all, we come to you trusting in your mercy, knowing that your steadfast love endures forever. Comfort us and those who have been harmed or displaced by fire. Grant us strength to meet the days ahead, to know your peace, and renew our hope; through your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3. 17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations

My soul is shut out from peace; I have forgotten happiness.
And now I say, 'My strength is gone, that hope which came from the Lord'.
Brooding on my anguish and affliction is gall and wormwood.
My spirit ponders it continually and sinks within me.
This is what I shall tell my heart, and so recover hope:
the favours of the Lord are not all past, his kindnesses are not exhausted;
every morning they are renewed; great is his faithfulness.
'My portion is the Lord' says my soul 'and so I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who trust him, to the soul that searches for him.
It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34. 2-3, 6-7, 18-19, 23

Response: The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord.

Refrain



The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
With praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the lord,
Who will hear the cry of the poor./R

Let the lowly hear and be glad.
The Lord listens to their pleas;
And to hearts broken, God is near,
Who will hear the cry of the poor./R

Every spirit crushed God will save;
Will be ransom for their lives;
Will be safe shelter for their fears,
And will hear the cry of the poor./R

We proclaim your greatness, O God.
Your praise ever in our mouth;
Every face brightened in your light,
For you hear the cry of the poor./R

SECOND READING

Romans 8. 28,35,37-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Paul writes; We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen | to his voice.

Harden | not your hearts

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11. 25-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God of compassion, you created a world for us to know your love and peace; yet amidst the beauty of creation we encounter pain and hurt and forces beyond our control. At times like this our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow at the destruction of homes, livelihoods and property. Hear our prayers for those affected by the ravages of fire, those stricken with anxiety and fear, for those close to us and those in great need at this time.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and ever faithful God, who through your son knows what it is to be fully human and fragile, feel and hear the suffering of your people; give us courage and strength for the days ahead; hear us as we give thanks for the skill and work of firefighter and emergency crews, for chaplains and Red Cross workers, and for all those working to bring relief and fresh hope; we give thanks for the generosity of those who provided help, opening their hearts and businesses to the needy.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God who speaks, we pray for your Church and all who offer ministry in your name; we pray for our Bishop John, and our parish as we seek to bring your compassion and comfort to your people.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Ever-present and nurturing God, surround your people with a cocoon of warmth and care; held with the softness of silk; but with the strength of strong twine. Begin in us a gently healing, that from pain and distress may come new life, hear us as we pray for ourselves and those we know in need of prayer Hold us safe and nurture us; **may we find strength and compassion in you.**

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those communities impacted by fire across the State; La Trobe Valley & Gippsland; Wunghnu & Numurkah; Riddell's Creek, Gisborne, Darraweit Guim & Monegetta; Romsey, Mickleham & Wallan; and for our community of Kilmore and surrounds; for those who lost their homes and those who were displaced; may our prayers bring support and comfort in their distress.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God who creates and is creating, who brings forth life from the dust and ashes, work in us and our community and all affected by fire, as we begin the process of recovery and healing; emerging ever so slowly to new life, fragile and tentative as the new shoots that will appear in the blackness of the ground; faith tested yet faith nurtured, hold us your people, loving God, in the palm of your healing hand and drench us in your love with the sweetness of the rain; bring us to new life with recreating power in the name of the man of sorrows Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray; **Our Father... [Pg 124].**

Notices

TODAY we welcome Bishop John to the parish and we appreciate his presence with us at this difficult time.

Note there will be no Parish Friday night BBQ this month - this will move to 2nd Sunday of the month as from March.

Parish Directory: The latest version (yellow cover) of the Parish Directory has been distributed. This will be a draft copy only - any name and contact details not included or need to be corrected, please contact Caroline Burge.

Request for prayer list - the list is to be reviewed for next Sunday and names will be removed unless requests are received to keep names on the list. A person must have given consent for any name to be listed. Please inform Fr Kim or the Wardens.

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 9th March. There will be one service at 10am at St Matthews Broadford followed by the meeting and BBQ lunch in Gavan Hall. Annual Reports, Adoption of the Budget, Election of Parish Council, Synod representative & supplementaries, and Parish Nominators. Nomination forms are available in each centre.

Parish wide Harvest Festival Sunday 9th March at St Matthew's in conjunction with the Parish AGM - please start compiling items such as fresh vegetables, fruit, jams, preserves, for the thanksgiving.

Church4Kids - will recommence next Sunday. Church4Kids is geared towards children of any age and provides a safe space to learn about being a Christian whilst having fun and ending with a free BBQ. Music, storytelling, activities, games and opportunity to make new friends. 5.00-6.30pm 4th Sunday of the month at Christ Church, Kilmore.

Christ Church Friendship Group meets 7.30pm Thursday 27th February @ Christ Church.

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

Parish life this week

Third week of February

Tuesday 18th	1.30pm St Matthew's Friendship Group
Wednesday 19th	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting @ Christ Church
Thursday 13th	10.00am Eucharist St Matthews 10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade 4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 14th	10am - 4pm Op Shop Church House
Saturday 15th	10am-12.30pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday: 23rd February 2014
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19. 1-2, 9-18; Ps 119.33-40; I Cor. 3. 10-17; Matthew 5. 38-48

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No service this day
Christ Church	5.00pm	Church4Kids

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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