

The Anglican Church of Australia
Diocese of Wangaratta

The Parish of Kilmore

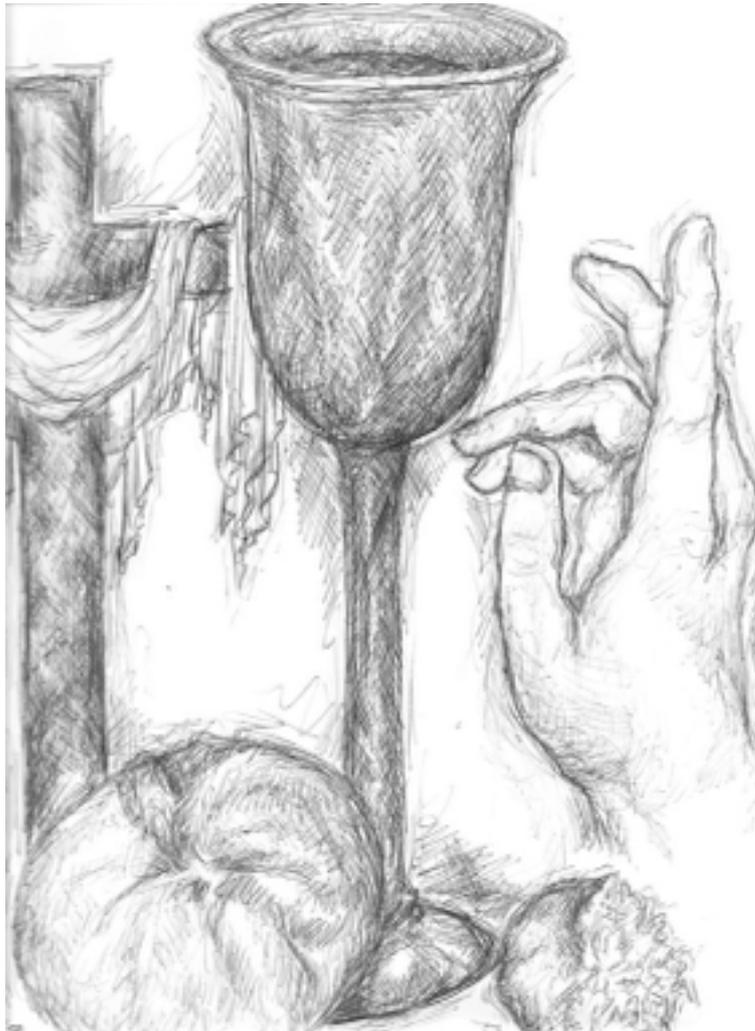
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

16th August 2015

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HYMNS: 611, 636, 538, 530 [Tune 387]

A warm welcome to everyone, please stay and enjoy hospitality after the service.



Introit Hymn from the red Hymn Book

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.' *John 6.56*

THE COLLECT

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14

[David dies and Solomon takes over as king. Then God allows him to ask for anything he wants, and he requests wisdom to rule over God's people well. God is pleased with his request and grants him wisdom, but also promises him wealth and fame and, if he stays faithful to God, long life.]

A reading from the first book of Kings

David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned for forty years over Israel – seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established. Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 'Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?' The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honour – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 111

[A Psalm in praise of God's works which are glorious, righteous, just, merciful, compassionate and trustworthy. God has redeemed God's people and established an everlasting covenant with them, and wisdom is found in the fear of God and in keeping God's laws. .]

Response: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response. The first staff is labeled 'Response' and 'v. 10a' and contains the lyrics 'The fear of the Lord, the fear of the'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them./R

His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion./R

He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations./R

The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity./R

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever./R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5. 11-21

[Paul encourages the Ephesian Christians to live wisely and in the power of God's Spirit that fills them, and to encourage one another through songs, worship and thanksgiving to God.]

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Paul writes, 'Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: 'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood a- | bide in me,
and I a- | bide in them.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6. 51-58

[Jesus continues proclaiming that he is the Bread of Life, inviting the people to eat his flesh and drink his blood as true food and drink. Those who do this will live, he promises, unlike those who died even after eating the bread in the wilderness.]

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Most gracious and loving God, your wisdom confronts and confounds us; we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us, now with this new day we turn to you again for the bread of life that you have prepared for us and for the wine of blessing that you pour out for your people.

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

God of goodness, we pray for the peoples of the world; for all who suffer from incompetent, brutal or corrupt government; for refugees and displaced persons; we pray for all who govern and dispense justice in the nations of the world, grant them discernment and wisdom that all may share with equity the gifts of your creation.

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

God of all holiness, we pray for your church, for all who seek to understand your word, those who seek to find wisdom and peace in your presence; for all teachers and preachers, pastors and priests; for John our Bishop and our parish; you set before us your bread and wine, word and sacrament to feed us and quip us to be proclaimers of your love; make us a people who are open-hearted and hospitable that we may welcome others to eat at your table.

God of love; **hear our prayer**

God of wisdom, we pray for our nation and our community; for those tasked with leadership that we may be governed with dignity and wisdom; for all in this community who feel forgotten or excluded; for all newcomers to our land and community; for our families and friends and those with whom we share our lives.

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we pray for the hungry and the homeless and the destitute, for the lonely, the grief-stricken and the desperate; for the sick and the suffering of body or mind; for the dying and those who wait with them; we pray for all in need, for those known to us and those who have requested prayer;

Requests for Prayer: *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Tom Scrivens, Franca Caia, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Jenny Curry, Dianne Mitsakis, Seth Gunter, Barbara Kaye, Sarah, Lisa, Alex Impols, Elizabeth, Mark Bennetts, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny;*

You make your home with the broken and the wretched; be present with all who suffer that they may be sustained and encouraged by your love.

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

God of the eternal, we give thanks for holy men and women, those who have lived with wisdom and love; for the recently departed for *Trevor Lang*; and those whose years mind occurs this time;

Year's mind: *16th Frank Punch; 17th Nessie Zechovsky; 18th Maureen Tennant; 20th Linda Dyer; 21st Margaret Williams.*

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

God of love; **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, help us to empty ourselves of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; we need your presence Lord, we need your anointing, touch us, feed us and make us whole; fill us with those things that make us all that you want us to be.
God of love; **hear our prayer.**

Your word is a lamp for our feet, your bread and wine food for our souls.
In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The key word this week is wisdom. Solomon is praised by God for seeking wisdom above all things. In the Psalm, God's work on behalf of God's people is praised, wisdom is offered to those who fear the Lord, and life to those who follow God's commands. In Paul's letter, the Ephesians are encouraged to live wisely by being filled with God's Spirit as they sing to one another and to God in songs of praise and as they give thanks in all things. Finally, although Jesus doesn't speak of wisdom specifically in the passage from John, there is a link through the metaphor of eating and drinking, in as much as Jesus says, those who seek life find it by sharing in the bread and wine, symbols of his body and blood. This speaks of absolute union with God, taking the very essence of Christ into our beings, and it results in life, the same life that comes from living wisely. Wisdom is found, then, through union with Christ and through living in the power of Christ's Spirit that fills us as we "ingest" the Christ-nature. This resonates strongly with the sacrament, since it is at the altar of our Lord that we are invited into this mystical union with God. This requires two movements in our daily living. Firstly, we need to recapture the discipline of daily spiritual practice – prayer, Scripture reading and Christlike action. Secondly, we need to allow our union with Christ to overflow into lives of gracious, generous, gentle, and humble living. It is when we commit to union with God and to living from God's wisdom, that we are able to bring the life of Christ into our homes, our churches, our neighbourhoods and our communities. This means rejecting many of the values of our society – instant gratification and consumerism, accumulation and rampant individualism, protectionism and the avoidance of diversity. It also means learning to live in the same self-giving way that Jesus did, for when we all learn to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others, we discover the wisdom and life that we all are able to enjoy together. The quest for wisdom, then, is not just about how we think, but about how we live, and it is only in union with God and in the strength of God's Spirit that we can hope to embrace this life.

Adapted from John van de Laar (2015) www.sacredise.com

NOTICES

Bunnings BBQ yesterday - thanks to all who assisted Lucy Staring in making the day successful.

Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays 4.45pm at the Rectory.

Parish Council meets - 7.30pm Wednesday at Gavan Hall.

Christ Church Next Sunday - members of the Goodman family to be baptised at the 9am service

ABM - MYANMAR FLOOD EMERGENCY APPEAL - Myanmar has been engulfed by the worst floods in living memory. 12 of 14 States have been hit and more is expected as more heavy monsoon rains hit the affected regions, with over 100 dead and over 1 million people affected. ABM has a Partnership with Myanmar Anglicans and the aim is to raise \$50,000 to help rebuild the many communities affected by this disaster. Please donate generously.

Episcopal Parish Visitation - Bishop John will be visiting the Parish **25-27 September**. On Friday 25th there will be a Gavan Hall Dinner @ \$30/head with the Bishop as guest speaker - we encourage as many parishioners to be present as possible - please book asap with John Patterson; Saturday 26th a prayer workshop to be conducted by Bishop John and a Parish Council Dinner; Sunday 27th is St Matthew's Day Festival and Confirmation followed by lunch.

Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November. Save this date in your diaries now. The Fete Committee is asking for help and support to set up, run stalls and pack away. Your help will be greatly appreciated and is crucial to the successful running of the Fete. Please see Caroline for details.



Christ Church Rosters - The current rosters finish in a few weeks. More people are needed to join our volunteers on the dusting, vacuuming, reading, sides persons and morning tea rosters. If you would like to help out please contact Robyn Whitehouse.

Supervision! In the coming weeks we will be having a small group of students from the International School helping out around Christ Church as part of their work within the Community. We need volunteers to open and close the church and stay on site to supervise their work. This will be on Saturday mornings. Please see Fr Kim if you can assist (please note - you will not be required to do any of the work yourself).

Offering Envelopes are now available - please help yourself. You might consider using Electronic Transfer of Funds.

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

Parish Diary

1st Wed	7.30pm	Property Committee Meeting	venue TBA
1st & 3rd Fri	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Study	13 The Parade, Broadford
2nd Sun	12.30pm	Parish BBQ	See Notices for details
3rd Tues	1.30pm	St Matthew's Friendship Group	Gavan Hall Broadford
3rd Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	venue TBA
4th Sun	5.00pm	Church 4 Kids	Christ Church

Parish life this week

Tuesday 18th	11.00am	Funeral St Matthews
Wednesday 19th	10.00am	Eucharist Christ Church Seymour
	7.30pm	Parish Council meets Gavan Hall
Thursday 20th	<i>[Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d. 1153)]</i>	
	10.00am	Eucharist St Matthews Broadford
	10.00am	Eucharist Willowmeade
	4.00pm	Eucharist Dianella
Friday 21st	10.00am - 4.00pm	Op Shop, Church House
	11.30am	Eucharist Caladenia
	7.00pm	Faith Enhancement Group
Saturday 22nd	10.00am- 12.00pm	Op Shop, Church House

SERVICES

Next Sunday: 23rd August 2015 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 8. 1,6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Eph 6. 10-20; John 6.56-69

Christ Church	9.00am	Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism
St Matthews	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11.00am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4.00pm	Holy Eucharist

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