



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**27th September 2015**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



### **SENTENCE**

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. *Mark 9.50*

## **THE COLLECT**

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22**

*A reading from the book of Esther*

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, 'Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have found favour with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life – this is my petition. And spare my people – this is my request. For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king.' King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, 'Who is he? Where is he – the man who has dared to do such a thing?' Esther said, 'An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, 'A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king.' The king said, 'Impale him on it!' So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided. Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, that they should celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote to them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM 124**

**Response: Our help us in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.**

If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:  
if the Lord had not been on our side,  
when our enemies rose against us.  
Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
when their anger was kindled against us./R

Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
and the torrent gone over us:  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.  
But praised be the Lord:  
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth./R

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:  
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth./R

## SECOND READING

**James 5.12-20**

*A reading from the letter of James*

James writes, 'Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear – not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No'. Otherwise you will be condemned. Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the ill person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.'

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
make us hoy in the truth.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ‘If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ‘For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Lord, we hear your voice saying ‘whom shall I send, and who will go for us? If it be your will, help each one of us to respond ‘Here am I! Send me’. Help us to take up joyfully whatever mission you may entrust to us. Help us to know that, though the task be daunting, those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.

Lord, show us how to remain close to you, breathing in harmony: in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we are thankful for all those who minister in your name. We give thanks for and pray support for all parishes in our Diocese, for John our Bishop and we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church for this parish and its congregations, that we may witness to your love for all. Help us to be the salt of our communities.

Lord, show us how to remain close to you, breathing in harmony: in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, guide us that we may become more sensitive to the needs of all those we live amongst. May we be aware of the need of the reserved for human contact;

the need of the noisy for affirmation; the need of the young to know that what they have to say is valued by the community as a whole; the need of the old to know that they are not seen as useless; and the need of us all to know that we are valued.

Lord, show us how to remain close to you, breathing in harmony: in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Be with those who continue to flee from war torn nations. Allow others to be your open arms of welcome and love as they find refuge in a new land. We pray for those impacted by natural disasters. We pray for all who are homeless, neglected or abused, for those trapped in a life of poverty and violence. We give thanks for all who nurture and care for the sick and dying and those who live out the gospel in your name.

We pray for all in need 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 Bennets, Margeurite Kisvardai, Penny;*

and we give you thanks for healing and blessings wherever received.

Lord, show us how to remain close to you, breathing in harmony: **in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world: and for those whom we knew and loved, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light of life with you. We remember today the Year's Mind;

*27<sup>th</sup> Neal Streatfield, 28<sup>th</sup> Thelma Wassbrum, Nellie Stafford, 29<sup>th</sup> Russell Baker, Jim Bushell, 30<sup>th</sup> Jim Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, Keith Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gus Ablitt, Barnie Brown, Robert Crute, Ned Carter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Archer Foster, Peter Marshall, Liam Jarrett*

**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

All praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give, when we seek, you show the way; when we knock you answer; hear us as we pray for ourselves..... We praise you for your infinite love and grace and help us to be your faithful people. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray..... **'Our Father, who art in heaven.....'**

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# NOTICES

**Fr Kim is on leave until Sunday 25th October.** Please contact Revd Maryann Leonard for pastoral matters.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group is suspended until Fr Kim returns**

**Parish Monthly BBQ Sunday 11th October** - hosts needed, please contact Caroline Burge or Revd Maryann if you would like to host this event.

**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser:** Helpers needed for the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ on Saturday 24th October. Please contact Robyn Whitehouse if you can help.

**Name badges** - With Deacon Maryann with us for the next few months, please be mindful about wearing name badges. It is easy for us to know Maryann's name, but not so easy for her to remember ours. If you have lost your name badge or never had one in the first place, please let Caroline know.

**Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) Emergency Ministry** is a vital multi faith multi-cultural program providing personal support to people during emergency situations. Volunteers are being sought from faith organisations to be trained for the Mitchell Shire. Personal Support training will be conducted 23-24 October in Broadford. Please contact Alan Russell 5784 2626 or visit [www.vccem.org.au](http://www.vccem.org.au) for more information and requirements to be a volunteer.

**Parish Fete - Saturday 21st November** - Those interested in running or assisting on a stall please attend or contact Caroline, Lucy or Robyn.

**Plant Cuttings** - with the arrival of Spring, please start striking some cuttings or planting some seeds for the Plant Stall. Preserves and jams are needed for bottle stall.



**Bigger and better Cake Stall** - 'cake bakers', and donor of ingredients needed. If you can donate flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let us know.

**Invitation to extend hospitality to Deacon Maryann & John for lunch** on a Sunday when there are afternoon services. If you can help please check with Maryann for a date.

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

