



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta

## **The Parish of Kilmore**

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

**28th September 2014**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**HYMNS: 569, 691, 259, 625**

*Welcome to any guests to our worship  
please stay and enjoy coffee and conversation with us after the service.*



*Introit Hymn*

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

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6.1a, 2b*

## THE COLLECT

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **AMEN.**

## FIRST READING

**Exodus 17.1-7**

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses replied, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?' But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?' Then Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.' So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 78**

**Response: We will tell the glorious deeds of the Lord, the wonders he has done.**

Gerry Fitzpatrick

**Response**

*cf. v. 4* We will tell the glo-rious deeds of the Lord, the won-ders he has done.



Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,  
Such as we have heard and known,  
which our forebears have told us./R

We will not hide from their children,  
but will recount to generations to come,  
the praises of the Lord and his power  
and the wonderful works he has done./R

They forgot what he had done  
and the wonders he had shown them.  
For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan./R

He divided the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand still in a heap.  
He led them with a cloud by day  
and all the night through with a blaze of fire./R

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.  
He brought streams out of the rock  
and made water gush out like rivers./R

## **SECOND READING**

## **Philippians 2. 1-13**

*A reading from the letter to the Philippians*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

My sheep hear my voice, | says the Lord;

I know them and they | follow me.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 21. 23-32**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Holy One, you are a God of compassion and love; time after time we have experienced your care and provision; time after time you’ve answered our prayers and met our needs— often in ways we could never have dreamed possible.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

Because we have known your love, we come to you with confidence, offering our prayers for this broken and hurting world you love; we see so much pain and suffering, so much violence and terror, poverty and despair; the needs around us can overwhelm us, but we continue to bring our prayers to you in faith, because we know that nothing is impossible for you; for you are the God who rained

down bread from heaven, and made water flow from a rock in the desert; who resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead, and who brings new life and hope to all who believe.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

We pray for the regions of our world caught up in violence and war; for Iraq and Syria; for Turkey overwhelmed with refugees; for people everywhere, especially the people of Algeria, appalled by the beheadings of the innocent; for the jihadists seeking to terrorise and destroy; we give thanks for the resolution of presidential elections in Afghanistan and the security and stability that will flow.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

We pray for the people of West Africa overwhelmed and frightened by ebola; for the medical teams caring for the sick; for mourners burying the dead; for scientists desperate to find a vaccine; and for civil leaders trying to maintain stability in the face of this epidemic.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

We pray for your Church, for Christians being persecuted in Iraq and Syria, for priests and pastors providing ministry in dangerous and difficult situations; for the Church in this country and this Diocese; for John our bishop, and our parish giving thanks that we can worship in safety; may we be faithful in prayer and service.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

We pray for our country, that we may all share with justice the resources of the land; for farmers and all who work the land, giving thanks for the spring rains; for those tasked with governing and we pray integrity and compassion for our politicians; for the homeless and the unemployed, and those in prison; for refugees and asylum seekers; for those held in detention and those at risk of being moved to Cambodia; keep us mindful of your passion for justice and peace.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

We pray for those who live with illness of body or mind, those with chronic pain, those for whom treatment is no longer an option; for the dying and those who wait with them, for those who mourn especially the Gentsch family; for those in need, those known to us, and those who have requested prayer...

**Request for prayer from:** *Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Lyn Ryan, Alex Impols, May McCormack, Dawn McCormack, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson, Charlie Emmett, Doreen Gammaidoni.*

We give thanks for blessings and healing received.

Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

Holy One you welcome all into your eternal love, we pray for the recently departed, for Zella Gentsch and for those years mind;

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 29th Russell Baker, Jim Bushell; 30th Jum Edwards; Oct 1st Keith Smith; 2nd Gus Ablitt; Bernie Brown, Robert Crute, Ned Carter; 3rd Arthur Foster, Peter Marshall, Liam Jarrett; 19th William Bannon, Robert Green. Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** Lord our God; **we praise you for your faithful love toward us.**

Holy God, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live - the way of deep humility and obedience; you've called us to love one another, and to work together with one heart and mind, balancing our needs with the needs of those around us; hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity, with actions that bear witness to the words we speak, and in worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships, so that our lives will bring glory and honour to you. We bring our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord, who taught us to pray; **Our Father in heaven.**

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### Reflections on the Readings

Who is 'in' and who is 'out' is the essential question of political and economic systems. Who gets to decide how things like debt and immigration and war get decided? Often we abdicate responsibility to someone or some organisation with the power to decide. On a global scale the question of who gets to share in processes and resources become even more difficult and important. As we face real issues with thirst through contamination of water sources, real issues of hunger, disease, displacement and hatred, the need for greater levels of inclusivity and transparency, and greater participation by ordinary citizens becomes increasingly important. In the reading from Exodus, the Moses story challenge is that water is provided freely for all, in spite of their grumbling, doubt and complaining. In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that God's grace is available to all, and that even those who are least likely to find a place belong, in spite of the attempts of the elite to keep them out. The radical inclusivity of Christ, and the constant, consistent merciful care of God for the fickle Israelite people, can be tough for us to swallow. We wrestle with the uniqueness of Christ, and the challenging message he preached, on one side, and the seemingly indiscriminate welcome he offered on the other. We like to feel like we are 'chosen', that we are 'in', and that we have the 'right way', but we need to be careful of becoming like the religious leaders who tried to be gatekeepers for God's reign and ended up excluding only themselves. We need to be careful of judging others by their doubts or complaints, and trying to keep God's blessing for ourselves, only to find the living water flowing out to them in the most unexpected ways. We may think we find life by "protecting" ourselves and our faith, by keeping out those whom we consider "unsavoury", but in fact these are our ways, not God's (as Ezekiel describes) and they do not lead us to life. Rather, it is in radical grace (like God in the wilderness and like Christ) and radical hospitality that

life is found. These are God's ways, and they always lead us into the abundant life God's promised. Ultimately, the world and its resources belong to all people. The challenge this week is how to live out of this truth in real and practical ways. Perhaps it begins by simply recognising that all people are our neighbours and are as deserving as we are to have their needs met and provided for. Then, this realisation must find its way into our conversation, our civil participation, and our routines of spending, consuming and discarding the things we use each day. It must also find its way into a life of radical hospitality in which we welcome all in Christ's name in whatever small, practical ways we can, while celebrating our differences and sharing God's grace.

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## Notices

**Church4Kids 5pm tonight @ Christ Church;** games, activities, songs and stories followed by BBQ. All 4-14 welcome.

**Bunnings BBQ** Thanks to everyone who helped with the BBQ yesterday.

**Property Committee** meeting this Wednesday 7.30pm Gavan Hall.

**Parish Graduation Celebration:** On behalf of the parish, a huge congratulations to Fr Kim on his PhD Graduation. Sunday 12th October we will help him celebrate with a bring and share luncheon party (Broadford mains, rest of the parish salads & desserts) at Gavan Hall at 12.30pm. All the parish are invited to be part of the festivities on this day to show our appreciation and how proud we are. Caroline - Rectors Warden.

**Parish Fete 25th October** - Carolynne Noonan is now fete coordinator. If you have played a role or managed a stall please make contact with Carolynne 0404 328 827 and let her know what you will be doing - watch the website for updates.

**Parish t-shirts:** If you would like to order a parish t-shirt (maroon with our parish logo) to promote the parish. Price is approx \$30 for 10 or more. Fete is next month, so there is just enough time to order. Contact Caroline Burge asap.

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

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## Parish Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the month:** Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of the month:** Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month:** St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month:** Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm venue TBA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month:** Faith Enhancement Study 7.00pm 13 The Parade, Broadford
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month:** Christ Church Friendship Group 7.30pm contact Beris Hannam ph. 5723 9737 for program details
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month:** Church 4 Kids 5-6.30pm @ Christ Church

## Parish life this week

Fifth week of September/First week of October

- Tuesday 30th 12.00pm Senior staff meeting Wangaratta  
5.00pm Bishop in Council Meeting Wangaratta
- Wednesday 1st 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour  
7.30pm Property Committee Meeting @ Gavan Hall
- Thursday 2nd 10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella
- Friday 3rd 11.00am Deanery Meeting Nagambie  
10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House
- Saturday 4th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 5th October 2014 - PENTECOST XVII (27)**

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

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