



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
20th July 2014  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 569, 235, 648 [Tune 457], 531



*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**

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86.15*

## THE COLLECT

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 28. 10-19a**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: 'I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.' Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalms 139. 1-11, 23-24**

**Response: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.**

**Response**

**John McCann**

*cf. v. 13* How won - der - ful are your works, O Lord.



O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
and are acquainted with all my ways./R

For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You encompass me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I cannot attain it./R

Where can I go then from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also./R

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me,  
your right hand hold me fast./R

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me  
and the light around me turn to night'  
Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike./R

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and examine my thoughts.  
See if there is any way of wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way everlasting./R

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8.12-25**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

Paul writes, 'Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage

to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

My word shall accomplish that | which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for | which I sent it.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Faithful God, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome, not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, you have promised that there is no place in all the world beyond your presence; hear our prayers for the peoples of the nations of the world; for those living in places of war and oppression; for the peoples of the Ukraine and South Sudan, and all involved in the destruction of Flight MH17, for the families and friends of all who have died and pray guidance for the leaders of the nations as they respond; hear our prayer for peace in the holy lands and for the cessation of attack and counter attack. May we all work to end persecution, violence and injustice, so that peace may flourish. We give thanks and pray for all who work to alleviate the impact of HIV across the world and pray for all attending the World AIDS Conference in Melbourne.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, we pray for holy church and all who minister in dangerous and difficult places; for those suffering religious persecution and for those whose faith has grown insipid; renew us all and give wisdom and guidance to pastors and preachers, priests and ministers, especially John our Bishop, and our parish that we may be lead in your ways and show forth the good news in our lives.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, bless the families of the world, and all tasked with the care and raising of children; we pray for our families and friends, our neighbours and our community; for the hungry and the unemployed; those who are marginalised and unwanted; those in need and the homeless; search our hearts and lead us in your way of love.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, you are present with us in the darkest parts of our lives; hear our prayers for the sick and the suffering of body and mind, those in pain and those nearing death, be with them and those who care for them that they may know the comfort of your love; hear our prayer for 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, Seth Gunther, David Parsons, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Bruce Mitchell, Evette, Mark Bennetts, Suresh Jain, Barry Watts, Roland Nicholson, Monica Nicholson ...*

Lord on your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, you have promised your faithful the hope of glory in your abiding presence; we pray for the faithful departed, for Carol Boase, those who passengers and crew who perished in MH17 aircraft disaster, and those years mind occurring at this time.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

**Year's mind:** Today we remember before God those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: 20th Gladys Habgood, Margaret Insley; 21st Samuel Fullard, Sue Charles-Jones, Elizabeth Parry; 22nd Leslie Neill, Alan Finlay, Robert Masters, Jessie Grace, Kerren Cookson, Maliki Kioko; 23rd Charles Russell, Byron Saunders, Keith Torrens; 24th Ida O'Brian, Bill Hincks 25th Fran Robbins, James Robertson; 26th Jason Schafer, Leslie Walton.

Faithful God, you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you; hear us as we pray for ourselves .....; through Christ, may we always be aware of your presence and strength in all our lives.

Faithful God, we offer our prayers to you in the name of your son who taught us to pray... **Our Father in heaven....**

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### **Reflections on the Readings**

For many people the Church has not been seen as a place of hope. Rather it has been seen as a place which offers hope only to a select few, while condemning the rest of the world to some sort of hell. The list of reasons and causes that Christians offer for why others are not acceptable to God is long, and seems to grow constantly. However, the readings today offer an alternative narrative. While Jesus does speak about weeds and wheat, he understands that this is how it is in the world. He does not allow the weeds to be pulled up, because they may not be recognised, and some wheat may appear to be weeds. Only God, when the time comes, has the ability and the right to make this distinction. In our time, we are called to live together – “wheat” and “weeds” together – trusting in the hope that the time will come when evil and injustice are removed from our world. What this means is that we cannot judge anyone as “weeds” or “wheat”, because we might be seeing wrongly and missing what God knows about the heart. All that is left for us, then, is to embrace our hope and make it available to all. This means that we can welcome those we might be tempted to exclude, we can support and defend those who are vulnerable and marginalised, we can support those who are in need, and we can live – in our communities and our homes – the inclusive, gracious, merciful and generous hope that God offers us. The question this raises for us is this: in what ways can our worship this week proclaim God's hope and help us to live it through the week? In what ways can we, as a community called by the name of Christ, demonstrate the hope of God's reign in our worship and our ministry? And, in what ways can we hold out this hope for others, inviting

them to share it with us, without seeking to make judgements prematurely?

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## Notices

**Building works** - please exercise caution in moving around the Christ Church over the next few weeks.

**Many thanks to all those who** assisted with the digging trenches for the construction of the toilets at Christ Church last Tuesday in atrocious conditions well done.

**Working Bee** to repair Church House veranda **TODAY** after the 9am service.

**Christ Church Friendship Group** - No meeting this month.

**Next Sunday 5.00-6.30pm Church4Kids** at Christ Church

**Installation of Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral** 7pm Wednesday 30 July - any parishioners wishing to attend please advise Fr Kim today.

**Faith Enhancement Study Groups to commence next week.**

Day group to meet 2pm Tuesday at Gavan Hall; Wednesday night group at 7pm 4 Pontisford Court Kilmore; Friday night group 7pm at 13 The Parade. If you are interested please contact Fr Kim.

**Giving Envelopes** new sets have started please take a set. They are not numbered or checked, it is a means of regular weekly giving to meet weekly expenses!

**Direct Debit Offerings** - Parish Account details: CBA Account Name 'Kilmore Anglican Parish'. BSB 063-698. Account Number 1018 4649. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Kim or one of the Wardens.

### CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME

due to circumstances beyond our control the  
Centenary Celebrations  
for the Church of the Transfiguration, Pyalong  
are now

**2pm Sunday 17th August 2014**

RSVP 30th July Glen McKenzie [gwork@mac.com](mailto:gwork@mac.com)

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## Parish Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month:** Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm (venue TBA)  
**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  
**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

Fourth week of July

- Wednesday 23rd 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour  
Thursday 24th 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews  
10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade  
4.00pm Eucharist Dianella  
Friday 25th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House  
7.00pm Gavan Hall Dinner  
Saturday 26th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 27th July 2014 – Pentecost VII**

Gen 29.15-28; Ps 105.1-11; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

Christ Church	9am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthews	11am	Morning Prayer
St Stephens	11am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration	4pm	No Service this day
Christ Church	5pm	Church4Kids

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