



The Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Anglican Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
27th July 2014  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hymns: 111, 430, 683, 217



*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**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8.38–39*

## THE COLLECT

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 29. 15-28**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Jacob's uncle Laban said to Jacob, 'Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder one was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, 'I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.' So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.' So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?' Laban replied, 'It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the elder one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.' And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 105. 1-11**

**Response: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**

**Response** Keith Duke  
*cf. v. 1* Make known the deeds of the Lord a -  
mong the peo - ples.

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises,  
and tell of all his marvellous works./R

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face continually./R

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
O seed of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen./R

He is the Lord our God;  
his judgements are in all the earth.  
He has always been mindful of his covenant,  
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:  
The covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,/R

Which he established as a statute for Jacob,  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,  
Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan  
to be the portion of your inheritance.'/

## **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8.25-39**

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

Paul writes, 'The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble

or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' 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.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Many will come from | east and west  
and will eat in the king- | dom of heaven.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13. 44-58**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew*

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

Jesus out before the people another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked. 'Yes,' they replied. He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his home town, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?' they asked. 'Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town and in his own home.' And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Source of all creation, our seed-planting, fish-netting, bread-baking, pearl-hunting God, you shape us into living parables. We pray that with your Spirit in us we may understand our experiences as healing metaphors, and become creative and abundant stewards of the environment you have entrusted to our love, and be a source of your grace in the world.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Source of all wisdom, we pray for this troubled and divided world; for all leaders and all who govern, that they may act in the best interests of all people; we urge a heartfelt desire for peace and pray for the cessation of violence in the Holy Land and in the Ukraine; for the people South Sudan as they face a humanitarian crisis caused by famine and war; for those affected by HIV and AIDS and all researchers, aid agencies, and those working to prevent transmission and provide treatment; for those grieving lost loved ones in MH17 air disaster and the Air Algerie plane crash, and for all investigators working in difficult situations.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Source of all redemption and hope, we pray for your Church, in this land and around the world, and we ask you to bless all who minister in your name; for John our Bishop and for our parish that the longings of our hearts be satisfied in serving your people.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Source of all power, we pray for our country and community, for our politicians and administrators, judges and policy makers that we may all share with justice in the resources of this land and work together in trust; for those who seek a home amongst us, refugees and asylum seekers and those held in detention; for the poor and the needy and all who live on the streets; for those who are forgotten, and those who have no one to pray for them.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

Source of all consolation, we pray for those who are sick and suffering of body and mind; the sorrowful and those who mourn; for those ending their days and those who will die with no warning; we pray for those on our hearts this day 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 ...*

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

Source of all longing, we give thanks for all who have found their peace with you and for the lives of holy men and women who have shown forth your glory; we pray for the recently departed 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: 29th Francis Ryland; 30th Linda Speirs; 31st Win Hix, Eric Cowley; 1st August Roy Parker, Nadine Smith; 2nd Ethel Winnell, Bernard Cheasley; 3rd Leslie Hungerford, Joyce Glanville, Donald Dowson.

Source of all love and forgiveness, hear us as we pray for ourselves...; may we know peace, comfort, and courage, and be with us as we journey.  
Spirit of God; **hear our prayer.**

Source of spirit and grace, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray... **Our Father in heaven... [pg 124]**

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### Reflections on the Readings

If we were tempted to think that being part of God's reign required nothing of us, we will be deeply challenged by this week's readings because the idea of "obedience" flows through all of them. Jacob's love for Rachel is a wonderful metaphor for how obedience works. He was willing to work long years in obedience to Laban (Rachel's father) because he loved Rachel so much that the years flew by like days. In Psalm 105 God's gracious and mighty works on behalf of God's people are celebrated, with the clear understanding that this should result in loving obedience in return. Paul does not specifically mention obedience in the passage from Romans, but he does indicate that God's Spirit prays for us and works in us so that God's purposes can be fulfilled in our lives – which is what obedience is about – and again, God's initiative in loving us is shown to be the catalyst that leads us into lives of following and serving Christ. Finally, Jesus reveals what the Kingdom of God is like by telling stories of its subversive influence – the small things that have big influence – and the people who are willing to sacrifice greatly in order to attain it. Finally, he drives the point home when he indicates that not all will recognise or receive the kingdom, and these will ultimately miss out on the life it brings. Obedience, which is so often seen as religious legalism, or a dry and rigid compliance with the letter of the law, takes on a new vibrancy and attractiveness in the light of these readings. What the readings seek to do here is to invite us into the kind of relationship with God where God's loving action in our lives is recognised and celebrated, and in which, because of our love, we seek to do what God would want of us, and to open ourselves to the life that God seeks to give us.

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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** who joined with the Working Bee to repair Church House veranda last Sunday - the work will continue next Saturday from 12.30pm. If you can spare an hour so we can complete the works. Contact Ian Staring for details.

**Church4Kids TODAY 5.00-6.30pm** at Christ Church.

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

## **Faith Enhancement Study Groups**

The response to the invitation to join the Faith Enhancement Study Program has been poor. There will be one program on Friday evening, at the Radford's home, 13 The Parade, Broadford starting Friday 1st August 7pm when we will decide on frequency and the content of the program - I have a variety of subjects to choose from which I will present for your consideration on that evening. There are no costs no prerequisites; you will need a bible, notebook and pen (I have extras). The format includes study guides, multimedia and discussion with homework. Most sessions are stand alone sessions so if you miss one the catch up is quite easy. If any one you know would like to come please pass this message on and if anyone needs transport please let me know so I can organise pickups, car pooling etc. Please note there will be no day group.

Gavan Hall Dinner "Christmas in July" was a great night - thanks to hard work of John Patterson and all those who cooked and cleaned for the occasion.

**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)  
Fr Kim Benton [rector@anglicankilmore.org.au](mailto:rector@anglicankilmore.org.au)

## 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

Fifth week of July

Tuesday 29th 10am- 9pm Anglicare Board Meeting; Bishop in Council

Wednesday 30th 10.00am Eucharist Christ Church Seymour

7.00pm Installation of Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral

Thursday 31st 10.00am Eucharist St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist Willowmeade

2.30pm Eucharist Caledenia

4.00pm Eucharist Dianella

Friday 1st Aug 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

12.00pm Clergy meeting Christ Church

Saturday 2nd 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop Church House

## SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 3rd August 2014 – Pentecost VIII**

Genesis 32. 22-31; Ps 17.1-7,16; Romans 9.1-8; Matthew 14. 13-21

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

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