



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta



## The Parish of Kilmore

with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook

1st November 2015

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

**HYMNS: 242, 149, Pew sheet, 455**

*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

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’      *Revelation 7.10*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 25.6-9**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, ‘Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 24**

**Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

**Response**  
v. 10b      The Lord of hosts,      he is the King of      glo - ry.  
John McCann



The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.  
For he has founded it upon the seas  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep./R

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;/R

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'  
Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob./

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in 'Who is the King of glory?'  
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'/R

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
'Who is this King of glory?'  
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'/R

## SECOND READING

**Revelation 21.1-6a**

*A reading from the Book of Revelation*

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

They are before the | throne of God,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**John 11.32-44**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to John*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See

how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## All Saints Day Litany

O Holy One, you have gathered in your keeping and celebration the saints who through the ages have shown your love and mercy. Not one is lost and everyone of them lights up the halls of heaven with their beauty and faithfulness. Thank you for the brightness of their witness to you and their inspiration and love to us. Hear us as we pray for all your saints, then and now.

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

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe: **Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God; for our Bishop and our priest:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and those whose lives ended too soon:

**Those close to our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost from our lives, knowing that they are with your heart forever.

*(Reading of the names of those we remember.)*

*[In the reading of these names, we will pause after each name  
to remember, and pray thanks for their life.]*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, we lift up the many more names in our hearts, and those known only to you. Family of God, we remember you, and we honour you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our sorrow and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone; of this we are certain through the promise of your son Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

Lord God, faithful and true, we bring before you all our needs, trusting that you will hear and answer them, in faith we pray for peace and joy in the world; for the sick and suffering, for those who have requested prayer;

**Request for prayer from:** *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, Penny;*  
We give thanks for healing and blessing wherever received.

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

In praying for your saints hear us we pray for ourselves.....; give us the courage to live as saints in the world proclaiming your hope and love.

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

Heavenly Father, our sent your Holy Spirit upon your Church so that, in Jesus, we are united to your Father with all the redeemed may we be grateful receivers of your grace and mercy, now and always. **Amen**

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## Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those whom we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always.

**Amen.**

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## Reflections on All Saints

The Christian feasts of All Saints and All Souls these first days of November each year honours the profound legacy of the wisdom our ancestors left to us and continues to offer. The ancient Celtic people believed this time was a thin space, where heaven and earth whispered to one another across a luminous veil and those who walked before us are especially accessible. These moments offer us invitations and gifts for our spiritual journeys. We live in a world where intransigence about ideas of God leads to rigid fundamentalism and driving the impulse for terrorism and the violation of people's dignity and despoliation of goodness. The honouring of the Communion of Saints, in reading people's names means recognises that lives lived before ours matter and that there is ancient wisdom wrought from generations of engagement and struggle with life and with God. In a sense this is the meaning of the resurrection as we embrace the learnings from the past and to better inform our present and future. It means that even horror and degradation of people does not overwhelm the bursting forth of God's love realised in those who find themselves being saintly. We carry the stories of our ancestors in our genetic code; they beat in our blood. Their faithfulness formed the traditions in which we are nurtured. There is a sacred thread that ties us to everyone in

our ancestral past of all cultures. We carry within us the wounds and unfulfilled longings, the hopes and dreams of everyone who came before us. This, then, is a season to remember the grace of humility and unknowing. It is a time of recognising there is a luminous wisdom so much more expansive than our own. But we are not passive recipients to be bullied by the tradition. Our understanding of where we have come from as a people, a community, as individuals does not relieve us from the work that is necessary to make the future. Clinging to the past in the hope that we can get off easy will not be sufficient. Forging our own experience of saintliness in being blessed and embraced by God is the necessary work that is a joy and a wonder. This is the work of providing a sure foundation for those who will follow, who in turn will find ways of experiencing the mystery that lies in deepest places of the human soul.

*Fr Kim Benton 2015*

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### Hymn: Contemplating [Tune 132]

1. Contemplating beauty in and all around us -  
If, beholding all there is, we look where God might be,  
We shall see such magic shining there before us,  
God's incarnation through eternity.
  2. Contemplating pleasure - Each exciting venture  
Can give life a thrilling edge, some fascinating glee;  
In delight, amusement, we should feel no censure;  
We, in enjoyment, taste God's ecstasy.
  3. Contemplating goodness - that which nurtures mercy -  
In forgiveness, we receive and we can also give  
Life and hope to pris'ners, those who feel quite empty;  
With love, acceptance, they have strength to live.
  4. Contemplating kindness – that on which we blossom -  
Building mutuality creates its own reward;  
Gen'rous deeds and blessings make us feel most welcome;  
God is uncovered, and is thus adored.
  5. In our contemplation, hushed into a stillness,  
Peace is known and love is grown with such serenity;  
Contemplating beauty, pleasure, goodness, kindness,  
We are engulfed in God's tranquillity.
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## Notices

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon:** At 12.30pm this Tuesday 3rd November, a parish Melbourne Cup Luncheon & Anglican Board of Mission fundraiser is on at the home of Caroline Burge (20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore). Lunch is “bring and share”- chicken and champagne, cold meats and cheeses, salads and desserts. Everyone most welcome for a fun day. Donations (gold coins or folded notes) will go towards ABM’s Emergency Appeal. Contact Caroline for more details.

**David's Farewell:** David was thrilled with our gift of a suitcase set as we said goodbye to him last Sunday for his new life in Chiangmai. If anyone would like to contribute to his farewell present, please see Caroline. Thank you.

**Faith Enhancement Study Group** meets again next Friday 6th November @ 13 The Parade, Broadford.

**Monthly Parish BBQ** - Next Sunday 12.30pm 8th November @ Norman and Anne Rose's home - 180 South Mountain Road, Heathcote Junction. The December BBQ will be held at Beris Hannam's.

**Strategic Plan:** There are copies of the first draft of the Parish Strategic Plan available in each centre. Please take a copy and give your feedback to one of the Wardens.

**Annual Reports:** Parish Annual General Meeting is on 29th November. Annual Reports (9 months to end of September) from all centres and organisations within the Parish are required for distribution to parishioners prior to the AGM. To enable reports to be prepared and distributed, please complete reports by the first week of November. Please email (preferably) reports to [carolineburge@carolineburge.com](mailto:carolineburge@carolineburge.com), - typed/handwritten copies are acceptable.

### **Parish Fete Update - Saturday 21st November.**



**Pony Rides:** If anyone knows of a pony for the children's pony rides, please let Caroline know. This year our 'usual' ponies are unavailable.

**Produce Stall:** Preserves and jams, fruit and veggies are needed for the Produce Stall. We are hoping to put together a hamper of preserves for a raffle for this stall. Please see Caroline or Robyn if you can help.

**Bottle Stall:** Lucy will be running the Bottle Stall and is looking for filled jars or bottles of any kind - sauces, shampoo, wine, soft drink, lollies etc. Please give any donations to Lucy.

**Bigger and better Cake Stall** - 'cake bakers', and donor of ingredients needed. If you can donate cash, flour, eggs, sugar, butter, rather than bake or if you are able to bake more than one or two items, please let Robyn know...**If anyone requires eggs for baking, please contact Rebecca Jones as her chooks are laying abundantly!** Some donations have come in to assist those who are able to do extra baking. Please contact Caroline if this will assist you.

**Raffle tickets:** Helpers are needed to sell raffle tickets outside the Kilmore news agency in the three weeks prior to the Fete and to be on a roster on these days. If you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please contact Lucy or Robyn. Raffle tickets are also available from this weekend to sell to your family and friends. Please take a book or two.

**Festival of Carols Music Group:** The Festival of Carols will be on Sunday December 20th at Christ Church. Anyone interested in singing or playing an

instrument in a music group please see Fr Kim or Caroline. It is hoped to have a few practices before hand with rehearsal dates to be decided by those taking part.

**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 3rd 12.30pm Melbourne Cup Lunch @ 20 Chrystobel Way Kilmore  
Wednesday 4th *[Day of Prayer for Anglicans and Roman Catholic]*

7.30pm Parish Council @ Gavan Hall

Thursday 5th 10.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church Seymour

10.00am Eucharist, St Matthews

10.00am Eucharist, Willowmeade

4.00pm Eucharist, Dianella

Friday 6th 10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop, Church House

Saturday 7th 10.00am - 12.30pm Op Shop, Church House

### SERVICES

**Next Sunday: 8th November 2014 - PENTECOST XXIV (32)**

Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17; Ps 127; Hebrews 9. 23-28; Mark 12. 38-44

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| Christ Church   | 9am  | Holy Eucharist      |
| St Matthews     | 11am | Morning Prayer      |
| St Stephens     | 11am | Holy Eucharist      |
| Transfiguration | 4pm  | No service this day |

### Parish Clergy:

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