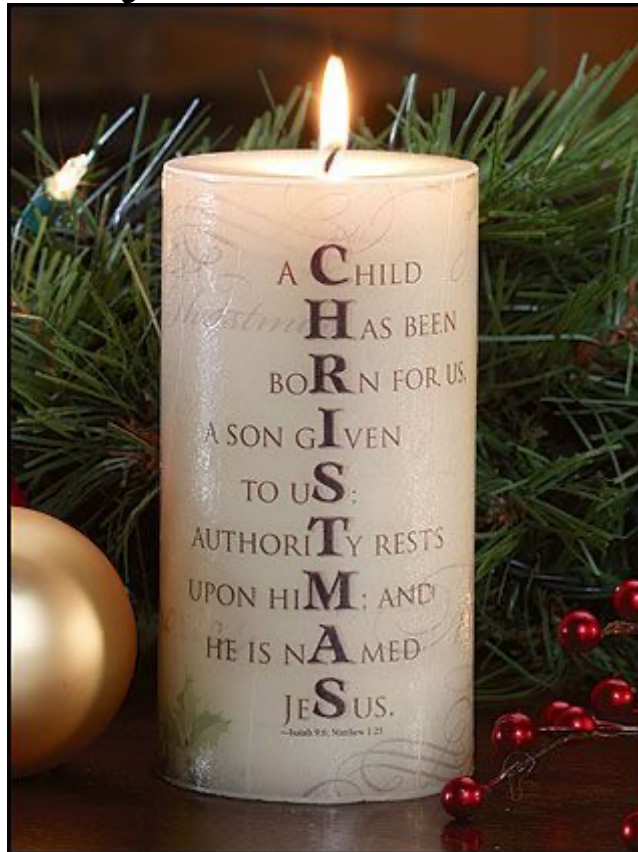




**Anglican Parish of Kilmore,
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**

Friday 25th December 2020



Day

*As we gather in prayer today, we acknowledge the Taungurung people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay respects to the past and present Elders of the Kulin nation and extend that respect to any Aboriginals present. Welcome to all, especially, to newcomers and visitors. **Please observe social distance and sanitise your hands on entering and when you leave the church. Please have you mask on during the service and remove only on receiving communion.** Our service starts on page 119 of *A Prayer Book for Australia**

HYMNS: 304; 318; 312; 303

Words of Welcome & Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world. **Amen.** (*the Christ candle is lit*)

Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

People of God: shout and sing! Tell the good news of peace on earth. Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace. **Amen!**

Angels dance and the bright star shines. All creation bows to the Lord of all. Lord, bring us today into Christ's light. **Amen!**

One with us, yet born to save, he will show us the way to God. Lord, bring us today into Christ's love. **Amen!**

People of God: say and sing: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Sentence:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. *John 1.1, 14*

Invitation to Confession:

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE COLLECT

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 52.7 – 10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97

Said/Sung: Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things; ² His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory. ³ The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations. ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody. **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name**

⁶ Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise. ⁷ With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king. ⁸ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it. ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands: and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord; ¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name**

Silence may follow each reading.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1.1 – 4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow each reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 1.1 – 14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Silence may follow each reading.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray:

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming the angels sang a message of peace and good will. We pray for all our brothers and sisters who long still to hear your message today; those whose lives are shattered by current pandemic; for victims of hatred and persecution. By your light dispel the darkness of our aggression and intolerance. (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your coming among us, for we found favour with you and you delight to dwell with us. We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ as together we celebrate your birth; for all who spread your good

news and all who have never heard your name. By your light dispel the darkness of our faithlessness and disobedience. (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming you are born into a family, sharing our human joys and sorrows. We pray for our family and friends and all with whom our lives are bound; for those separated from loved ones; those who will spend Christmas alone. By your light dispel the darkness of our loneliness and selfishness. (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that at your coming you make your place with the unwanted and the poor. We pray for all for whom society finds no room; the homeless, the outcast, the friendless and the unloved; for the sick and the dying and for all who minister to them. We pray especially for Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Sharron de Battista, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Beris Hannam, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Allan Rose, Beryl Kirby, Anne Rose and Candice Pearce ... [*parishioners are invited to add names of those they hold in prayer*]. By your light dispel the darkness of our terror and pain. (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise that throughout the ages people have rejoiced at your coming. We give you thanks for all who have recognized you and pointed others to you; for the blessed virgin Mary, for Joseph, for the shepherds and sages; for all who have search for you and come to worship you. We pray for the recently departed Shirley Perkins and those whom we remember today: Christine Marshall, Alan Tomlinson (25th). Rest eternal grant to them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** By your light dispel the darkness death, so that we, with all your saints, may come at last to the radiance of your presence. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming, open our ears to hear the angel voices, open our hearts to make a place for you; let us recognize you in our midst, for we too would worship you. (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and those on our hearts and minds this day... (pause) **Jesus, hope of all the world, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, 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. Amen.**

It is the custom of our church to invite all baptised communicant members of other Christian traditions to share the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper with us. Non-Communicants are invited to come and receive a blessing.

NOTICES:

Finances:

Our Parish is not able to rely on Funds being raised either by the OP Shop or many other fundraisers **at this time please consider your weekly offertory giving by giving through Direct Debit or just paying into our account at any Bendigo Bank.** As most bills require payment within one month it would be great if donors could consider monthly giving **as we cannot access any withdrawals from Trust accounts as it is for maintenance only and not for ministry and daily running cost.** Our costs have been cut to the very minimum and are being adjusted downwards as far as we can possibly take them.

Kilmore Community Garden: Our Parish is proud to be part of this project to enable them to use some of our land at Christ Church for community use. Their next meeting will be the 13th January 2021.

Church cleaning at Christ Church: Thank you to all who were involved in the cleaning of the church in the past years. Please let us know if you wish to continue to be rostered for dusting and vacuuming for 2021.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings –

Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore’; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Reference: Offertory

Emergency Relief: We are in NEED of groceries for those who are doing it tough in our Parish. Please deliver it to the Rectory, it will be distributed every Friday morning.

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Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday 31st January 2021 at Christ Church, Kilmore at 10.00am for the service followed by the APM.

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK:

Friday 8th January 10.00am – 4.00pm Op Shop Church House

Next Sunday 27th December: First Sunday after Christmas		
Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3; Ps 148; Galatians 4.4 – 7; Luke 2.22 – 40		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
St Matthew's, Broadford		No Service
St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.30am	Holy Eucharist
Transfiguration, Pyalong	No Service till further notice	

Daily Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 121; 122; 123	Ps 119.129 – 152
21 st December	Isaiah 26.1 – 19	Isaiah 57.14 – 21
	Mark 12.28 – 40	Revelation 21.9 – 21
Tuesday	Ps 118.1 – 18	Ps 118.19 – 29; 120
22 nd December	Isaiah 27.2 – 13	Isaiah 58
	Mark 12.41 – 13.13	Revelation 21.22 – 22.5
Wednesday	Ps 124; 125; 126	Ps 127; 128; 129
23 rd December	Isaiah 28.1 – 13	Isaiah 59.1 – 15a
	Mark 13.14 – 37	Revelation 22.6 – 13
Thursday Christmas Eve	Ps 130; 131; 133	Ps 85
24 th December	Isaiah 28.14 – 29	Isaiah 33.17 – 22
	Galatians 3.23 – 4.7	Revelation 22.14 – 21
Friday Christmas Day	Ps 132.10 – 18	Ps 138
25 th December	Micah 4.1 – 8	Micah 5.2 – 5a
	Matthew 1.18 – 2.6	1 John 4.7 – 21
Saturday	Ps 137.1 – 6; 138	Ps 139
26 th December	Isaiah 29.1 – 12	Isaiah 60.1 – 11
	Acts 6.1 – 7; 7.1 – 47	Titus 1

Parish Website for information: www.anglicankilmore.org.au

Parishioners and visitors are advised that photographs may be taken of activities in the Parish from time to time for use on Parish website, Facebook and for publication in the Advocate. If you do not wish to be included in a photo please stand clear of the group at the time. Photos are never taken without a warning.

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A Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful 2021 to all

Be Blessed and Stay Blessed.