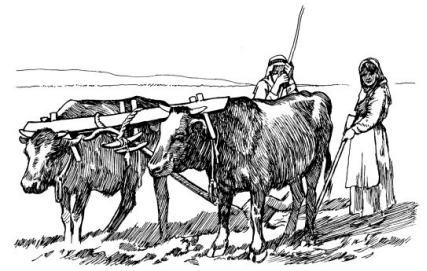




**9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday After**  
**Pentecost**



**Hymns: 138 140 206 580**

**Prayer**

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’ (*Matthew 11:28-29*)

**The Collect**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we also do for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

*A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 24, beginning at verse 34.*

So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.” ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will

also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.’ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 45, verses 10-17*

**R: Your God has anointed you with oil of gladness.**

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth. **R...**

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. **R...**

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever. **R...**

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 7, beginning at verse 14.*

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Truly I tell you, no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he.

**Alleluia!**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 11, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.*

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

Let anyone with ears listen! 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one

knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*For the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayers of the People**

Lord, let us now unburden our hearts, and take the yoke of prayer upon ourselves, as we pray for the needs of the world.

We pray for victims of oppression throughout the world; for refugees, those who are abused, and those whose cries for help go unanswered. Open the ears, eyes and hearts of all believers, so that we may be moved to confront violations of human rights, and protect your forgotten children.

Jesus, bearer of all burdens,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who struggle with burdens of the mind and soul, invisible to all but you; for all who live with mental illness, schizophrenia and other disorders. For those marginalised for their sexuality or gender identity. Help us to be the loving, understanding, and accepting presence you offered to those whom society misunderstood.

Jesus, bearer of all burdens,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in dire economic circumstances; the overworked and exhausted, the unemployed, those whose gifts may be overlooked, and those forced to resort to desperate and degrading measures to earn a living. Bring us together, Lord, and help us to find solutions to financial inequity and exclusion.

Jesus, bearer of all burdens,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and suffering; for those without access to proper healthcare, for families with sick children, and those grappling with terminal diagnoses. We pray especially for those known to us: *Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell,*

*Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.* Bless the work of medical professionals, carers, the Children First Foundation, and other agencies rallying to provide help to those in need.

Jesus, bearer of all burdens,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have gone to the rest in the eternal Kingdom, and those who mourn their loss. Bring peace to the dying, and help us to serve and comfort their loved ones in their grief. We pray for the repose of the souls of Claud Brooks, and Carol Anderson, and we remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

*Edmund Randall, Carrie Izod, Priscilla Mulenga-Langamu, Marjorie Galley, Thomas Rowe, Francis Chapman, Russel Neilson, Harry Wilkie, Margaret Luckie, Marguerite Kisvardai, Jim Still, Mary Chapman, Sidney Bradshaw, Benjamin Baines, Olive Shaw, and Keith Jenkins.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Jesus, bearer of all burdens.

**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.**

**Notices**

**Bring and Share Soup Lunch**

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, starting around 12.30pm, we will be having a soup lunch for the Anglicare winter appeal. Please bring a soup or sweet to share, and you are encouraged to make a donation to Anglicare, and/or donate canned goods to Love in Action. This will be hosted at Caroline's house, 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore.

**Children First Foundation**

This agency, based in East Kilmore, provides hospitality for children from overseas coming to Melbourne for vital surgery, and is always looking for volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr. David.

## Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer services at Broadford and Tallarook are at 11am from June to August. All Kilmore services remain at 9am.

## Outreach Think Tank

In the interest of making new inroads into the community, it would be good to start establishing a think tank and/or prayer group for generating ideas, discerning gifts and helping Fr. David to network with existing community groups. For example, an art group, meditation, connecting with schools. If you would like to be a part of this think tank, please email [rector@anglicankilmore.org.au](mailto:rector@anglicankilmore.org.au).

## Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings** – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore;’ BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.  
Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

### This Week in the Parish:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>:** 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** 1pm: Caladenia RACF Service

2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am Mass, St Matthew’s Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew’s, Broadford	9.00am	Holy Eucharist

St Stephen's, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	11.00am	Holy Eucharist

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 25	Ps 27
	1 Samuel 25:23-44	Micah 1
	John 3:1-21	Galatians 2:11-21
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 28; 29	Ps 30; 32
	1 Samuel 26	Micah 2
	John 3: 22-36	Galatians 3:1-14
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 31	Ps 33
	1 Samuel 27:1-28:2	Micah 3
	John 4:1-15	Galatians 3:15-26
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 35:1-17	Ps 35:18-29; 36
	1 Samuel 28:3-25	Micah 4:1-7
	John 4:16-26	Galatians 3:27-4:7
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 34	Ps 119:17-40
	1 Samuel 29:1-30:6	Micah 4:8-5:5
	John 4:27-42	Galatians 4:8-20
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 37:1-17	Ps 37:18-41
	1 Samuel 30:7-25	Micah 5:5-15
	John 4:43-54	Galatians 4:21-31

### **Parish Contacts**

**Parish Priest – Fr David Kerr: 9 Union Street, Kilmore,**

**Mobile: 0439 288 070**

**Email: dkerr1307@gmail.com**

## **Parish Wardens:**

**Caroline Burge**, 20 Chrystobel Way, Kilmore, Mobile 0409 822 180

**Rebecca Jones**, 3 First Street, Broadford, Ph 5784 4057

**Julie Wallis**, 71 Main Rd, Tallarook, Ph 5792 2854

**Glenn McKenzie**, 13 Station Street, Pyalong, Mobile 0452420958

**Facebook page link:** <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanKilmore/>  
or you can type in **Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook** into the search bar and it should come up. It's also on the link **Services Online** on the website.

## **Thoughts for the Week**

Relationships are hard work. Making initial connections can be even harder. I'm convinced the world is becoming more and more introverted, and more certainly introspective. Spirituality, or should I say trends in spirituality are increasingly more about looking inward, as though frantically repairing a damaged hull, before the outside seeps in and the vulnerable inner workings are exposed. I understand that spiritual practices help us to do self-maintenance; that's the very idea of them. But my question is always this: maintaining yourself to do what exactly? Inner peace is only viable if you yourself can be a vessel of peace *for others*. Not just you. Life isn't a permanent coffee break, with earbuds in, a blanket on and a nice puzzle before you. Vehicles weren't made to sit idle, they were made to travel and transport things. To be of mobile service to various users. Consider yourself a *vehicle of peace*, rather than an *ornament of peace*. You were meant to be driven, not to sit and gather dust. Spiritual practices prepare you to deal with everything that life throws at you. And indeed, these practices become much more helpful when you can share them. This is the core of evangelism, the sharing of *how to be a vehicle of peace* when chaos reigns around us. The movement of the Holy Spirit is experiential, not theoretical. Neither is it a collectible to put on one's mantle, but a *dynamic intention of God's will*, to propagate and grow. Spiritual practice makes you alive, in order that you may resonate and give life to others.