



**Anglican Parish of
Christ Church Kilmore
with
Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook**



**Sunday 17th December 2017
Third Sunday in Advent
[Rose Sunday]**

Welcome to all, especially new comers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home. All the material you will need is in this booklet, and the hymn-book. Please join us for coffee after the Eucharist. About Communion: All who are baptized in any Trinitarian Church are Welcome to receive communion with us today!!!

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

As the procession enters the following hymn is sung 279 "The King of Glory Comes"

The president greets the congregation ('+' where marked indicates that you may make the sign of the cross)

The President says:

President: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever**

President: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People: and also with you.

*The following sentence is said by the **President**.*

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.
[Isaiah 61.1-2]

The Lighting of The Advent Wreath

Priest: On this Third Sunday in Advent, we will hear more of John's call to repentance and the promise that we will be winnowed and baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire and examined as to the fruits of our repentance.

Child: Why Do we light a third Advent candle?

Priest: We light this third candle as a sign of the faith of Mary, whose willingness to labour with God brought forth fruit: Jesus our Saviour. As we enter into the longer of days and the warmth of Summer, when our own longing for things to 'become well' is heightened, may Mary's example of discipleship enables us to say 'yes' to God's fruitful and refining purposes for us, even when things appear to be in others' hands.

Three candles are lit;

People: Let the light shine. In thankfulness we celebrate your coming O Christ. In our common humanity we claim you; with grateful hearts we discover you among us like the light from our candles. Amen.

The Communion Minister says: Let us pray

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The following is sung.

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
+ Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

*The Collect (prayer) is said by the **President:** Third Sunday in Advent*

Eternal God,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may prepare the way for Christ
who is coming in power and glory
to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All sit for the First Reading: (Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11)

The Reader says: A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 61,
beginning at verse 1

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 8 'For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed.' 10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the young plant come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

The reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Magnificat



Response: My Soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior
He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all generations will call me
blessed

Response: My Soul rejoices in my God.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him

Response: My Soul rejoices in my God.

He fills the starving with good things, he sends the rich away empty
He protects Israel his servant, remembering his mercy

Response: My Soul rejoices in my God.

The Reading from the Epistles. (1 Thessalonians 5.12-28)

The Reader Says: A reading from the Second letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 5 beginning at verse 12.

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil. 23 May God himself, the God

of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us. 26 Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. 27 I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

164 "The Great Love of God"

Gospel Alleluia All sing together



Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The President says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John Chapter 1,
beginning at verse 6. (John 1.6-8, 19-28)

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the

Messiah.’ 21 They asked him, ‘Then who are you? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ 22 Finally they said, ‘Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Make straight the way for the Lord.”’ 24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, ‘Why then do you baptise if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?’ 26 ‘I baptise with water,’ John replied, ‘but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’ 28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The People sing ‘Alleluia’ as for greeting the Gospel. (See above).

The Sermon (Sit)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD
[CREED AND INTERCESSION]

*The **Communion Minister** says: Let us affirm our faith in the Words of the Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

The Communion Minister says:

Let us pray for the world and for the Church (the people sit or kneel)

Response to the intercession:

Intercessor: Come O God for whom we wait, and in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The intercessor says: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers

**People: Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may, by your grace receive
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARIST

The Communion Minister says:

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

A time of Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**People: Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

*The **President** says:*

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The President Says: May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We are the body of Christ

People: His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: and also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 123 "Be Still My Soul"

*The gifts of the people and bread and wine are brought to the altar.
The President continues with prayers over the bread, wine and gifts of money. After
each prayer, the people respond with:*

People: Blessed be God forever

*[*Note: As God's Priestly people, remain standing throughout the whole of the
Thanksgiving Prayer]*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist

announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross

and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you

for these gifts of bread and wine;

may we who receive them,

as Jesus said,

share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,

'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup

and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President says

As this broken bread was many grains
which have been gathered together and made one bread

**People: so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" Let all who hear come! Let all who thirst come! Take these gifts knowing that Christ died for you, and now, risen from the dead gives himself to you, and feed on him with all your heart. Come!

All who are baptized or have been able to receive communion in any Trinitarian Church are warmly invited to receive it with us today.

The minister gives the bread and says;

The body of Christ the bread of heaven.
The minister gives the cup and says
The blood of Christ the cup of salvation.
The communicant responds each time. **Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE EUCHARIST

The following sentence is said.

[Hear the Word of the Lord] Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart 'Be strong! Fear not!'

The President says the following prayer:

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and Glory. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn is Sung 665 "Jesus Christ Is Waiting"

The Announcements are made.

*The **President** pronounces the blessing.*

The People stand.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

*The **Communion Minister** says:*

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

INFORMATION FOR WORSHIP LEADERS AND INTERCESSORS:

Those in detention on Naru and Manus Island and those facing deportation or loss of support in Australia. The Rohingya people of Myanmar. We pray for those making energy policy in Australia. Those involved in conflict, especially in the Middle East and those mediating in the tensions on the Korean peninsula. We pray for us all who are affected by the passage of the marriage equality legislation. We remember those who are dying, and will be affected by the result of the dying with dignity legislation. We remember those working in palliative care. We pray for the future of this parish, Fr. André as he prepares to take up his ministry here.

Prayer Requests for those in Need: Karen Goodger, Belinda Shannon, Jenny Curry, Seth Gunter, Tom Scrivens, Mark Bennets, Fay Muddyman, Rob Muddyman, Elaine Haddock, Joy Rowe, Francis Piva, Sharron de Battista, Iris Haywood, Tania Morgan (Norman & Ann's Daughter), Barry Watts (thanks to God for his degree of recovery.)Chris [friend of Edie in Broadford]

Faithful Departed:

Years Mind: Emmy Marschall, Andrew Bulman, William Potts, Jeffrey Morgan, Robert Pratt, Gladys Martin, Audry Chuter, Dianne Humm, Roy Sobey, William Mandel, Neville Payne, Ian Poulter, Kevil Elson, McGregor Kean, Edie Pattinson, Rick Calliste, Edna Moore, Kathy Hincks, John Kirby.

Communion of Saints: 21st Dec. St. Thomas [Apostle]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Andrew Coleman gets engaged! Congratulations to Fr. Andrew Coleman (one time assistant in our parish) and his new fiancée Catherine who got engaged last weekend. Fr. Andrew is currently the Vicar in two parishes in the Diocese of Coventry in the UK. Love and prayers to him and Catherine for their future happiness.

Announcement of a new Priest for the Parish.

The Bishop of Wangaratta is pleased to announce that The Rev'd André Du Plooy of the Parish of Shepparton has been appointed the next Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Kilmore with effect Sunday 28 January 2018. We are very grateful for the ministry of Fr Paul Dalzell over the past few months which he so kindly offered to extend until Christmas Day. Further Locum arrangements for after Christmas is in the process of being organised. Fr André's Induction will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday 24th January at 6.30pm. More details to follow.

Kids Church: Next Occasion: **Saturday 23rd December @ 5.00 pm. This will take the form of a Nativity Play with carols.** Please take a flier from the church and advertise it among your friends. We need people to prepare some food for the people who come. Thanks to Rob for his work.

We need someone to organise the food for this afternoon.

Christmas Tree Decoration: The Christmas Tree will be decorated at 4.00 pm on December 23rd, just before the Kids Church. If you are coming to Kids Church, come then, to help with the tree. If you would like to help any way, come at 4.00 pm.

Christmas Tree Gifts: As has been our tradition, parishioners are given the opportunity to place a gift under our empty Christmas trees during Advent. Your generosity over the years has been amazing. This year, gifts will be donated to the "Love in Action" local organisation, and they will distribute to those in need prior to Christmas day.

Opportunity Shop Workers Needed: In order to support our opportunity shop properly, we need more people to help with sorting of incoming goods. Please put your name down on the timetable provided. We are asking for one or two hours per week per person. This is vital for our future as a ministering congregation via the Op Shop, and to our future as a continuing Church.

Parish BBQ: The Next BBQ date is 17th December. Hamburgers will be provided! [Left over from the Fete] Bring salads and bread. Location: The Rectory. Fr. Paul & Robyn are inviting you to the rectory as a 'Thankyou' for your support since we have been 'locuming' here.

Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 20th December, Kilmore [Dinner at Caroline Burge's place]. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to John Patterson johndpatterson@yahoo.com.au

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings - Account details: BENDIGO BANK - Account Name 'Anglican Parish of Kilmore'; BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921. Parishioners using direct debit or electronic funds transfer please use these bank details when making offerings.

Christmas Services: There are some events still to be finalized but the following services are confirmed:

Sunday 17 th December:	7. 00 pm. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Christ Church Kilmore
Saturday 23 rd Dec.	5.00 pm. Kids Church with Nativity Play and Carols
Sunday 24 th Dec. [Advent 4]:	9.00 am Kilmore 11.00 am Tallarook
Sunday 24 th Dec.[Christmas Eve]:	6.00 pm Pyalong 11.30 pm Broadford
Monday 25 th Dec. Christmas Day:	9.00 am Kilmore

PARISH DIARY [Regular Meetings and Events]

2nd Sun of the month:	Parish BBQ - 12.30pm. See Notices for details
3rd Tues of the month:	St Matthew's Friendship Group. Gavan Hall 1.30pm contact Edie Simpson ph. 5784 1246 for details.
3rd Wed of the month:	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm. 20 th December venue: Kilmore.
Tuesdays 10 am:	Knitting Group. Christ Church.

Parish life this week

Thursday 21st December	10.00am Eucharist St Matthew's Broadford 11.30 am Eucharist Caladenia 4.00 pm Eucharist Dianella
Friday 22 nd Dec.	10.00am Eucharist Blue Cross
Saturday 23 rd Dec.	10.00am - 4.00pm Op Shop Church House 10.00am - 12.00pm Op Shop Church Ho

Next Sunday 24 th Dec. Fourth Sunday in Advent Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1 - 16, Psalm 89:19 - 29, Romans 16:25 - 27; Luke 1:26 - 38		
Christ Church	9am	Eucharist
St Matthew's BROADFORD	11am 11.30 pm	No Service Midnight Eucharist
St Stephen's TALLAROOK	11am	Eucharist with Carols at 10.30 am
PYALONG	6.00 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist

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