

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's
Kilcoy



St. Matthias
Woodford



Mt. Mee
Community Church

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Easter Sunday 2 *April 11th 2021*

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy

Sundays, 8.00 am – 36 in the church
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford

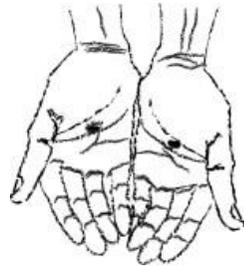
Sundays, 10.00 am – 28 in the church
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Mt. Mee Community Church

*Services suspended
until further notice*

Bellthorpe Community Hall

5.30pm – 30th May 2021



*He showed them his
hands and his side*

Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Today, in Woodford, we welcome Heidi Rae Schmidt who comes to be Baptised. Heidi, we pray that you may know the abundant blessing of the Lord on your special day.

Sentence:

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

John 20.21

Collect:

Risen Christ,

whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22- 32- *A reading from Acts Ch 2, beginning at the 14th verse.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 16 (APBA p 234)

Second Reading: 1 John 1: 1- Ch 2: 2- *A reading from 1 John, Ch 1, beginning at the 1st verse.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Gospel: John 20: 19- 31-

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Ch 20, beginning 19th verse –

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them

when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Len and Jules, Simon, Bonnie, Patricia, Helen, Olive, Wayne, Ann, Sue, Wendy, Dale, Debbie, Richard and Ellen.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Continue to pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains:

Kilcoy: Kate Gold; **Mt Kilcoy** Rob Turner; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Crk:** Monique Robertson

For Everyone affected by COVID 19: For equal access to the COVID vaccines for all countries.

Please pray for: People doing it tough: because of unemployment and reduced income, natural disasters: storms, fires, floods, and drought; for the homeless; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for victims of child abuse; for people in lock-down because of COVID.

Praise God for: The distribution of vaccines for COVID-19; the good rains for local farmers.

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am: Commencing Monday 12th April. Come and join us.

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome.

Monday 12th April 11.00am: Service at Aloaka Lodge. **Cancelled** due to lock-down until the 15th.

Tuesday 13th April 9.30am: Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting.

Thursday 15th April 9.00am: Quarterly Ecumenical Covenant Community meeting – Catholic Church hall, Woodford. A planning session for the annual Covenant service on the 5th June.

CHURCH NOTICES

Monster May Market – Saturday 8th May: Donations of produce, plants, cooking, and saleable goods will be very welcome. Please talk to Cindy Duncalfe or Carole Dobson if you can assist.

Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit to the parish on Sunday 16th May. If anyone would like to be confirmed or be Received into Membership of the Anglican Church, please see Rev Jilleen.

Holiday leave: Rev Jilleen is taking a week off from Saturday 17th to Friday 23rd April. Please contact the Wardens if anything arises.

Mission project for March/April: ABM – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously – **we raised \$594.80.** If you would still like to donate to this project, Mission Donation envelopes are available at the rear of the church.

Thoughts to Ponder: Hallelujah may just be enough – by Br. Curtis Almquist SSJE

In the film, “Babettes Feast,” which is set in Denmark in the 19th century, one of the characters is an elderly man who has seemingly lost his ability to speak, except for one word: “Hallelujah.” Whatever the conversation is about, his one-word response is always, “Hallelujah.” It’s a very good word: especially, if you have nothing good to say, say “Hallelujah.” Saying “Hallelujah” is also a very good word to say personally as you make your way through the day. “Hallelujah” is a Hebrew word that means “praise the Lord” which appears in the Psalms (22 times) and 4 times in Revelations (19: 1-10), it’s like the last word. “Hallelujah” is the chant of the choirs of heaven singing praise, and glory, and gratitude to God who is the beginning, and the end, and the way of life. (“Alleluia” is the Latin equivalent of the Hebrew “Hallelujah.”)

Claiming the word “Hallelujah” in our personal vocabulary is an antidote to the delusion that we are God. It spares us from thinking it is all up to us, from taking life for granted, and from the myopia of seeing life as only an earthbound experience. Life on this earth is real, indeed, but it’s also a preparation and participation in the life that is to come. Life is changed, not ended, at the time of our death. By saying “Hallelujah” we put ourselves in our place: creatures of God, participating in what Jesus called bringing the mission of God to earth: “your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Saying “Hallelujah” expresses our personal gratitude for the gift of life and giver of life. Saying “Hallelujah” under your breath a myriad of times during the day is claiming your voice and claiming your part in the amazing gift of life God has given to us.

PRAY DAILY: *The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. *The Diocese of Gippsland:

†Richard Treloar; Clergy and People. ***The Parish of Lutwyche:** Bob Davidson - Locum, Clergy and People. ***Ministry with Street Kids. *St Hilda’s School, Southport:** Principal - Wendy Lauman; Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; School Council; staff & students.

PEW REFLECTIONS. April 11th 2021 - Text: Robert McLean ABM’s Partnerships Coordinator © Anglican Board of Mission, 2021.- In Psalm 133, the Psalmist extols the notion of families living together in unity. It’s the same for the Church— unity (not uniformity) means that our ecclesiastical life ought to be one of supporting one another and building each other up in Christ’s name. As the old hymn says, The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. May we remember that in everything we do as members of the Church. May everything I do work towards the unity and growth of my parish and my diocese. **Give thanks for** the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

FUTURE READINGS

18th April- Easter 3 (W)

Acts 3: 12- 20

1 John 2: 15-17, 3: 1-6

Psalm 4 (APBA pp 225, 226)

Luke 24: 36b- 48

25th April – ANZAC Day (W)

Micah: 4a, 1-4

1 John 3: 16– 24

Psalm 46 (APBA p 269)

John 15: 9-17

BLESSING: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

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