

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's
Kilcoy



St. Matthias
Woodford

Bellthorpe Community

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Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
5.30pm TBA



*They shall mount up with
wings like eagles*

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

Sentence:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40.31

Collect:

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Hymns

The voice of God goes out – May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Make me a channel of your peace – The God of Abraham praise

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21 - 31 *A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 40, beginning at the 21st verse:* Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Psalm 147:1 – 11 (APBA pp 377 - 378)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16 – 23 *A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 9, beginning at the 16th verse:* If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

Gospel: Mark 1:29 - 39 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 1, commencing at the 29th verse:* As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*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, Norma and Cameron, Patricia, Wendy, Karen, Cindy, John, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Mary, Ted, Tanisha and Bevan.

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.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Peter Robertson; **Kilcoy High:** Vacant; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Creek:** vacant.

Pray for: Victims of domestic & family violence & child abuse. All Homeless; all with rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine; Peace in Israel & Gaza. For all who have lost loved ones to war. The Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza. Afghanistan; Syria; Refugees; People whose lives have been devastated by earthquakes, cyclones, floods and fires. Archbishop Jeremy.

Praise God for: For the many blessings God has poured upon our land, Australia

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am: Recommencing Monday 12th February

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's

Tuesdays 9.30am: KYB at St Matthias, Woodford. Not the 2nd Tuesday of the month. TBA

Monday 5th February 10.30am: Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge

Wednesday 7th February 9.30am: Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild AGM and meeting

Tuesday 13th February 9.30am: Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild AGM and meeting

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday services – Kilcoy 9.30am and Woodford 2.00pm

Sunday 25th February Parish AGM. Combined service in Woodford at 10.00am followed by AGM. Spread the word. **Please note: there will NOT be a service in Kilcoy**

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish AGM – Reports for the AGM due Monday 12th February – preferable in electronic format.

Calling for nominations for Parish Council:

Have you considered nominating for Parish Council? The Wardens and Parish Councillors, with the Parish Priest, are responsible for the management of our Parish. We need: Wardens – one for each centre, Parish Councillors, and 2 Synod representatives. The Treasurer and Parish Council Secretary are elected by Parish Council from among those elected to Parish Council. Also, if you think our current Wardens and Parish Councillors are doing a good job, nominate them for 2024. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk with Rev Jilleen who will be only too happy to fill you in.

Nomination forms for Wardens/ Parish Councillors/ Synod Reps are at the back of the church.

Thoughts to Ponder: The Choice is Yours – by Br David Vryhof. Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38.

(continued) We wonder how we will ever *be* or *do* what God seems to be asking of us. We may be tempted to turn away, to go our own way, or to look for a way out. God's response to our fear and anxiety is always the same. To Moses, God says, "I will be with you" (Ex 3:12). To Jeremiah, God says, "Be not afraid...for I am with you to deliver you... Behold, I have put *my* words in your mouth" (Jer 1:7-10). To Mary, God offers comfort and assurance, saying, "Don't be afraid. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Lk 1:35). In like manner, God says to us, "Do not be afraid. I will be your strength in weakness. It is *my*

mission to which you are called; I will do this work in and through you.” It may not be fear that prevents us from embracing the call; it may be our own stubbornness and pride. Ahaz was determined to go his own way, to maintain control of his destiny. Jonah’s willfulness and resistance had to be broken by a storm at sea and a few nights in the belly of a great fish (Jonah 1:4-17). Paul had to be struck down and made blind before he could be turned around. God may work to overcome our resistance. In the Luke reading, we hear the annunciation to Mary. But the truth is that annunciations come to all of us at some point or other in our lives. God speaks and draws us towards God’s good purpose for us; a door opens and we are invited to step through. The choice is ours. The door may remain open for a time; we may miss the opportunity it presents if we resist or turn away or give in to fear and anxiety. Ahaz turned away from the call, but Mary embraced it. The choice is always ours.

Here are some things we can say about the call of God:

First, that *every* person is called by God to some particular purpose or task. God calls us all. *Every* person has a vocation, “a purpose for being in the world that is related to the purposes of God.” Don’t think for a moment that it is only priests or religious who have a “call” or a “vocation.” *Every* Christian is called to be a channel of God’s love and blessing in the world; not one of us is exempt. *(to be continued)*

PRAY DAILY: * **The Anglican Church of South America** * **The Diocese of Bathurst:** †Mark Calder; Clergy and People * **The Parish of Buderim:** Lucy Morris, Clergy and People * **NQ Townsville Correctional Centre:** Ed Spriggins & Neil Bruce * **Canterbury College, Waterford:** Principal - Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Dan Talbot; College Council; staff & students

PEW REFLECTIONS. February 4th, 2024 – Rev Nicole Baldwin, Cessnock Parish, Diocese of Newcastle © ABM *Healing Hands* Our hands can be used for many things, including healing and prayer. Dr Ben Carson is a brilliant and renowned neurosurgeon with *Gifted Hands*, but without the love of his mother and her faith in him, his life would have been very different. Without Jesus using his hands for healing and prayer, Simon’s mother-in-law and those who are sick or possessed by demons would not have been healed of the things that afflicted them. How can we use our hands to bring comfort and healing to others? How can we use our hands for prayer? In the words from *Jesus’ hands were kind hands* by Margaret Cropper, “Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you ... till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.” • Pray for all who use their hands to bring healing and wholeness to others or to pray for others. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

11th February – Transfiguration - White

2 Kings 2:1-12a Ps 50:1-6 Immortal, invisible, God – Eternal light shine in my heart
2 Cor 4:3-12 Mark 9:2-9 Now we come our heavenly Father – Lord, the light of your love

18th February – Lent 1 - Violet

Gen 9:8-17 Ps 25:1-10 Lord your almighty word – O Love that wilt not let me go
1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-16 I cannot tell why he whom ... – God has spoken to his people

BLESSING: God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.