

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's  
Kilcoy



St. Matthias  
Woodford

Bellthorpe Community

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## Epiphany 3 January 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

### Welcome

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

**St. Matthias', Woodford**  
Sundays, 10.00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 9.30 am

**Bellthorpe Service**  
5.30pm TBA

*How deep are your  
thoughts to me,  
O God:  
and how great  
is the sum of them!*

*Psalms 139 : 17*

*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

Rev John Pattison will take services this Sunday as Rev Jilleen is recovering from Covid

#### Sentence:

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel!

John 1.41, 49

#### Collect:

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### Today's Hymns

Jesus shall reign where're the sun – Will you come and follow me  
I, the Lord of sea and sky – Inspired by love and anger

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1 - 10, 19 – 20** *A reading from 1 Samuel, Chapter 3, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:* Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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

**Psalms 139:1 - 5, 12 -18 (APBA pp 370 - 371)**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 20** *A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 6, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse:* 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

**Gospel: John 1:43 - 51** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, Chapter 1, commencing at the 43<sup>rd</sup> verse:* The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

*For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

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**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

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**For those who are sick/ in need:** Len and Jules, Norma and Cameron, Patricia, Wendy, Karen, Cindy, John, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Mary, Ted, and Tanisha.

**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:** Kelly Croft; **Woodford:** Amy Head; **Delaneys Creek:** vacant.

**Pray for:** Victims of domestic & family violence & child abuse. Homelessness; 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, floods and fires. More rain to fill the local dams.

**Praise God for:** For the Child who brings the peace of God into our hearts and lives

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### WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am:** On a break for January

**Wednesdays 9.30am:** Weekly Service at St Mary's – not during January

**Tuesdays 9.30am: KYB at St Matthias,** Woodford. Not the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. TBA

**Please note: there won't be a midweek service in Woodford or Guild meetings in January**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm:** Parish Council meeting in Kilcoy

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.30am:** Hymnfest at Woodford Manor

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am:** Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge

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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am:** Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild AGM and meeting

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday services** – Kilcoy 9.30am and Woodford 2pm.

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### CHURCH NOTICES

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**Parish AGM – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February after a 10am service in Woodford**

**NB: No Kilcoy service** that morning.

Calling for nominations for Parish Council:

Have you considered nominating for Parish Council? The Wardens and Parish Councillors, with the 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. So, if you think our current Wardens and Parish Councillors are doing a good job, nominate them for 2024. If you are interested, please talk with Rev Jilleen who will be only too happy to fill you in.

**Nomination forms** for Wardens/ Parish Councillors/ Synod Reps will be available next Sunday.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Jesus' Secret in the Gospel according to Mark** – by Br Curtis Almquist.

*Ephesians 4: 7-8, 11-16; Mark 1: 1-15.* Jesus did not talk about the cost of discipleship. Not until the end, and by then, virtually all of his disciples and the multitudes who had followed Jesus had abandoned him. But that's not the last word. In the calendar of the church, we remember the life and witness of Saint Mark because this "Jesus movement" did not die at the cross. Way, way back, when people began following Jesus because of his spectacular miracles, he gained one of many converts. Mark recalls Jesus' saying to this new believer, "Do you believe because [you experienced this miracle]? You will see greater things than these." (*Mark 1:50*) The postscript is

that Mark, personally, and the other apostles and disciples, and then the multitudes began to understand the “greater things” that Jesus had talked about: resurrection power. The power they had experienced in Jesus’ earthly life continued to be theirs, in the best of times *and* in the worst of times.

We all have our own version of this story. However it is that you met up with Jesus, you have had some real experience of Jesus, or you would not have become one of his followers. You have experienced something significant in Jesus that has made a world of difference to you, or you would certainly be elsewhere. We receive from Jesus the promise of his presence and his provision, always. You can look back on your life and see how that has been so true for you. (This is what I imagine about your life.) But there’s something ahead in life that you will face. And you’re not yet ready to know all of what it will be. You’re not prepared, not yet. It’s a secret. Jesus is holding the secret. And, in the fullness of time, you will know, you will be ready to know. But for right now, you wouldn’t be able to take it in. You would not yet understand how you can face what is ahead.

How the Gospel according to Mark ends is not how it begins. This Gospel account ends with a bold assurance of Jesus’ presence, and provision, and power. That promise comes to each of us. Why we will need all this assurance, we’re not yet fully ready to know. But Jesus knows. And Jesus knows that we don’t know, not yet. Whatever tomorrow will bring, God knows. And we have the assurance of Jesus’ presence, and provision, and power will be real to each one of us, and it will be as miraculous as the stories we read in the Gospel. Maybe greater. The most amazing thing about miracles is that they happen.

**PRAY DAILY:** \* **The Church of South India (United)** \* **The Diocese of Riverina:** †Donald Kirk; Clergy and People \* **The Parish of Allora-Clifton:** Matthew Skelton, Clergy and People \* **Maryborough Correctional Centre:** \* **All Saints Anglican School, Merrimac:** Headmaster - Patrick Wallas; Chaplain - Ann McGuinness; School Council; staff & students.

**PEW REFLECTIONS. January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024** – *Fr Matthew Smedley, Diocese of Perth © Anglican Board of Mission, 2023* As Ordinary Time has commenced, Jesus continues to call his disciples to follow him. When Jesus calls us by name to follow him, the invitation is to “come and see.” Come and see what life with Jesus is like, for he knows who we are. As we continue our discipleship with Jesus, we will learn more and more about him, we will see more of heaven and God’s interaction with us. **God**, may I declare who Jesus is as I follow him and you open heaven to me. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Melanesian Sisterhood, the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Church who minister throughout the Pacific Islands.

#### **FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS**

##### **28<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day – White**

Deut 28:1-9 Ps 145:1-9 All things bright and beautiful – Where wide sky rolls down  
1 Thess 5:12-24 Mark 12:13-17 God who stretched the ... – Lord of earth and all creation

##### **4<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany - Green**

Isa 40:21-31 Ps 147:1-11 The voice of God goes out – May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
1 Cor 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 Make me a channel of your peace – The God of Abraham praise

**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.