

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's  
Kilcoy



St. Matthias  
Woodford



Mt. Mee  
Community Church

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## *Pentecost 7* *July 11<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 9.30 am

**Mt. Mee Community Church**  
*Services suspended*  
*until further notice*

**Bellthorpe Community Hall**  
5.30 pm – 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

*Grace to you  
and peace  
from  
God our Father  
and the  
Lord Jesus Christ*

*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**

**Notice:** From the 9<sup>th</sup> July we have to use the Qld QR check-in app to check into church  
Please remember – we are still required to wear mask

#### **Sentence:**

Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false. Psalm 24.3–4

#### **Collect:**

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Amos 7: 7-14** *A reading from Amos Chapter 7, beginning at the 7th verse.* This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

**Psalm: Psalm 24: (APBA p 244)**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14** *A reading from Ephesians, chapter 1 beginning at the 1st verse.* Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. *Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.***

**Gospel: Mark 6:14-29** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark Ch 6, beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse.* King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason, these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even

half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.  
*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, Simon, Patricia, Helen, Olive, Wayne, Ann, Sue, Wendy, Dale, Debbie, Ellen and Karen.

**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 the COVID outbreaks in Australia and overseas countries; and for patience with the lockdowns; for Aussies stranded overseas to be able to get home; equal access to the COVID vaccines for all countries and the resolving of vaccine supply issues.

**Please pray for:** The unemployed and underemployed; for the homeless and people in rental stress; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for the victims of child abuse.

**Praise God for:** for God's wondrous compassion, forgiveness and mercy

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### **WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS**

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am:** Come and join us

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

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 6.30pm:** Parish Council meeting at Woodford

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** School Chaplains will join us. Kilcoy – Kate Gold; Woodford – Amy Head.

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### **CHURCH NOTICES**

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**!! NOTICE: From the 9<sup>th</sup> July we HAVE to use the Check-in Queensland app at our churches – Mandatory.** Please download the app on to your phone! [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld)

**Know Your Bible (KYB) at St Matthias.** Thursdays at 10am: We are planning a KYB group at St Matthias led by Cindy Duncalfe. Please talk to Cindy 0418 743 462 or Rev Jilleen.

**Mission Projects:**

**Tearfund Australia** - our current Parish Mission Project. In many poorer countries, COVID is leading to famine. More info visit: <https://www.tearfund.org.au/> Donation envelopes available.

**Mission to Seafarers:** Calling knitters – beanies for The Mission to Seafarers would very welcome.

**Thoughts to Ponder: God is not in lockdown** – *by Br Geoffrey Tristram SSJE* - Matthew 13: 44-52 Hooker insisted that the church was far wider than the sharp boundaries drawn by the Puritans. He declared that the Anglican church refuses to draw such strict boundaries around its gatherings, or to draw such sharp distinctions between sacred and secular. As Episcopalians, we are heirs of this tradition. It is not always comfortable. Denominations with a more exclusive

ecclesiology accuse us of being too open, too broad, mingling too much with the world. But for me, I am an Episcopalian by conviction, for these very reasons. I loved being an Anglican parish priest because I was given the ‘cure of souls’ by the bishop for every single person in my town. So, I did not spend all my time with those who came to church, but with the whole community. Saints and sinners were not in two separate camps. And the marvelous and exciting thing was that the Kingdom of God kept breaking out in the most unexpected, the most unlikely places – even in the merriment of cracking open a new barrel of beer! Jesus said in our Gospel today, “The Kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found. In his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” That man wasn’t looking for treasure; he certainly wasn’t expecting to find it, digging in the dirt. He was probably in the middle of a rather ordinary job, perhaps digging up a field to sow some seeds. But suddenly, unexpectedly, he stumbled upon this wonderful treasure. And that’s what the Kingdom of God is like, says Jesus. It’s *not* where you’d expect to find it. Not just inside the walls of a monastery or parish church. Not just in the sacraments, although God is there, because he has promised to be. God’s activity is *not*, thank God, confined to what we do when we assemble to worship, not confined to what goes on inside church. No. For “God’s Spirit blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.” (John Ch.3 v.8) The Spirit of God will not be confined, controlled or contained. And this is so important to remember, particularly at this challenging time in our lives. We need *now*, I would say, during this time of pandemic more than ever, the spirit of Advent; to keep awake, to stay alert and full of prayerful expectancy, so as to recognize the activity of the Spirit, to see the Kingdom of God at work, in unexpected places. It is like treasure, just waiting for us to find it. God is at work in our lives, in our communities, even if our churches are closed. **God is not in lockdown!** *(to be continued)*

**PRAY DAILY:** \* **The Episcopal Church in the Philippines** \* **The Diocese of Gippsland:** †Richard Treloar; Clergy and People \***The Parish of Clayfield St Mark’s:** Nicole Colledge, Clergy and People \* **Anglican MU Australia** \* **St Hilda’s School, Southport:** Principal - Wendy Lauman; Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; School Council; staff & students.

**PEW REFLECTIONS. July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021** - *Text: Robert McLean ABM’s Partnerships Coordinator ABM, 2021.*  
 St Paul writes to the Church at Ephesus outlining the great plan that God has for us: ‘He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ’. We are not just creatures of the Creator, but God’s children. We have an inheritance gained for us by Jesus Christ. We are God’s people. **Give thanks** that God has called us to be his people and pray that we may be made worthy of that great calling. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea.

**FUTURE READINGS**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> July – Pentecost 8 (G)</b>	
2 Samuel 7: 1-14a	Psalm 89: 21-38
Ephesians 2: 11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-60
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July – James, Apostle and Martyr (R)</b>	
Jeremiah 45	Psalm 126
Acts 11:27 – 12:3	Matthew 20:20 - 28

**BLESSING:** May the Spirit lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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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