

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



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Bellthorpe Community

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## *Pentecost 7* *July 7<sup>th</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**  
TBA 5.30pm



*'My grace is sufficient  
for you'*

***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**

Please keep the family of Jean Black in your prayers as they give thanks for her life and mourn their loss. Jean's funeral: 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am at St Matthias

#### **Sentence:**

Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!'

Mark 6:2

#### **Collect:**

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them; and more willing to give than we desire or deserve: in our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### **Today's Hymns**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer – You are my hiding place  
Now thank we all our God – This is a day of new beginnings

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1 – 5, 9 - 10** *A reading from 2 Samuel, Chapter 15, beginning at verse 1:* Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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

### **Psalm 48 (APBA pp 270 – 271)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2 – 10** *A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 12, beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse:* I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**Gospel: Mark 6:1 - 13** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark, Chapter 6, commencing at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse:* He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*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, John, Patricia, Wendy, Cindy, Val, Bonnie, Sandra, Della, Ted, Tanisha, Bevan, Tim, John G, Bob and Clyde.

**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:** Tracy Sbresni.

**Pray for:** All experiencing: domestic & family violence; child abuse; homelessness; rental & mortgage stress. Peace & justice for Ukraine; Peace in Israel & Gaza. Food & medical aid for Gaza; Victims of war; Afghanistan; Syria; Sudan, Refugees. Country Parishes; Climate change.

**Praise God for:** God's love and grace that surrounds us when our hearts are tired and aching

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## WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 2pm:** Not for 2 weeks

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

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am:** Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Parish Council at Woodford following the 10am service

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## CHURCH NOTICES

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**June Mission Project:** is for the **Bush Ministry Fund** – The diocesan Bush Ministry Fund financially supports ministry in country parishes in our diocese – including: Esk – Drayton - Goonaneman - Allora-Clifton - Goondiwindi - Thargomindah – Cunnamulla - Charleville – Chinchilla – and others  
Find out more: <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/category/bush-ministry-fund/>

Please use the mission envelopes and mark them: Bush Ministry

Would you like a **Kilcoy-Woodford Parish name badge**? We are planning a bulk order. Cost \$15 each. Order forms are at the back of the church. Choose the name you would like on the badge and either pin or magnetic backing.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Called to be Prophets** – by Br James Koester SSJE. *Mark 6: 17 – 29*

It was over thirty years ago, while I was still serving in parish ministry, that a couple from one of the congregations in the parish came to me. They were concerned, on my behalf, that I might feel constrained in my preaching. It's not that they had a complaint about the content, or my style, although that may have been true as well. What they were concerned about was the use of a lectionary. Having come from a Baptist tradition they were unfamiliar with the use of a lectionary. They were worried that by using a lectionary Sunday by Sunday, and basing my sermons on the appointed lessons, I was somehow not free to say or preach about what I might otherwise want or need to say. As a lifelong Anglican, I was a little surprised by their question. I think that they were equally surprised by my answer.

Preaching from a lectionary is both a gift and a challenge. It's a gift because the selection of the readings isn't up to me. It's a gift because the readings, and thus the sermon, isn't about me, my most recent musings on a given subject, or my current hobby horse. It's a challenge because sometimes preaching from a lectionary forces you to address really difficult and surprisingly immediate topics. This is one of those days.

The story of the beheading of John the Baptist is as current and topical today as it was when it happened nearly 2000 years ago. And the Church retells this story each year, not by accident, but

on purpose, because the retelling of this story is a reminder of something at the very core of our vocation as Church. That vocation is both uncomfortable and at times dangerous. So much so that we would like to forget it.

It would be much easier today to preach about something else: the experience of generosity and hospitality that we Brothers had on our pilgrimage to the UK; new beginnings as we watch flocks of new undergraduates arrive to begin their time in university; the grace of Sabbath as we all reflect on the summer that is now almost over. But the Beheading of St John the Baptist forces us to come to terms with the prophetic vocation of the Church that by its very nature is both uncomfortable and dangerous.

John the Baptist belongs to a long line of biblical prophets whose job is not so much to foretell the future, although at times prophets do just that, but to tell the truth regardless of cost. Telling the truth, and especially telling the truth to power is both uncomfortable and at times dangerous. In fact it is so dangerous that some truth tellers, especially biblical truth tellers, lose their freedom, their reputation and sometimes their lives. John the Baptist lost all three.

We live in an age that has an aversion to the truth. From the most powerful people in the world to those who chant racist, sexist, homophobic and Nazi slogans in the street, people do not want to hear the truth, especially about people whom they regard as somehow less than themselves. In this area, the Church must never lose her prophetic voice when it comes to speaking of equality, dignity and justice. *(to be continued)*

**PRAY DAILY: \* The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church \* The Diocese of Brisbane:**

†Jeremy Greaves; Assistant Bishops - †Cameron Venables, †John Roundhill, †Sarah Plowman; Clergy and People \* **The Parish of Cunnamulla: Vacant \* Kilcoy Country Companions \* Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera:** Acting Principal – Mark Herriman; Chaplain - David Adams; School Council; staff & students

**PEW REFLECTIONS. July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024** – Robert McLean, © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024 The people around Nazareth were not impressed by Jesus and his highfalutin’ sermons. Indeed, they took offence at them. Maybe they felt that they were too good, too upmarket or perhaps too socially nice to need the message he had come to teach – unlike those other sinners over there. Whatever their impediment it amounted to just one thing: unbelief. **Give thanks** for all those whose minds are receptive to the Good News and pray that our minds may always be ready to hear Jesus’ message to us. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS**

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Pentecost 8 – Green – Sea Sunday**

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ps 24 Crown him with many crowns – Holy Spirit, come confirm us  
Eph 1:1-14 Mk 6:14-29 God moves in a mysterious way – There’s a spirit in the air

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Mary Magdalene – White**

Song of Songs 3:1-4a Ps 63 Morning has broken – As the deer pants for the water  
2 Cor 5: 14-21. Jn 20:1-18 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy – Yours be the glory ...

**BLESSING:** God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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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