

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's  
Kilcoy



St. Matthias  
Woodford



Mt. Mee  
Community Church

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## *Pentecost 2 June 6th 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**

**5.30pm – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

*I will give  
you thanks,  
O Lord,  
with my whole  
heart  
Psalm 138*

***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:**

(Here are my mother and my brothers!) Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. Mark 3.34-35

#### **Collect:**

Almighty God,

Give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in 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: 1 Sam 8: 4-11, 16-20** *A reading from 1 Samuel Chapter 8, beginning at the 4<sup>th</sup> verse.*

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them. So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

**Psalm 138: (APBA p369, 370)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13- 5: 5** *A reading from 2 Corinthians, Ch 4, beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.* But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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

**Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark Ch 3, beginning 20<sup>th</sup> verse:* and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be

plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' *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, 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 the people of Victoria; for equal access to COVID vaccines for all countries and resolving of supply issues. For people to be vaccinated quickly.

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

For the people of Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, and for the ceasefire to hold.

**Praise God for:** all the wonderful and gracious gifts we receive as God's beloved children.

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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.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 11am:** Service at Aloaka Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am:** Monthly service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm:** Child Protection training – St Matthias, Woodford

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### **CHURCH NOTICES**

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**Notice:** We will be offering Child Protection training (using a DVD) on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm.** Please let Carole Dobson or Rev Jilleen know if you plan to attend. The training has to be done every 3 years. If you hold a Blue Card, you need to do the training either in person or online.

**Mission Project: Tearfund Australia** is our Parish Mission Project for May-June. Our gifts can provide: Clean Water and Sanitation - Toilets, wells, pumps and pipes for communities. Access to clean water and sanitation is possibly the most urgent health crisis facing communities today. One in every nine people on this planet lacks daily access to safe water, and one in every three have no toilet. It's a problem that particularly affects women and girls, as women perform the majority of the world's water-collecting, and girls are often prevented from attending school due to inadequate toilet facilities. They are also the primary carers for family members who are suffering the ill effects of water-borne diseases. When the burden of water collection and poor sanitation is taken away from women the benefits are extraordinary; clean water and adequate sanitation means freedom for women. For more info visit: <https://www.tearfund.org.au/>

**Notice:** The old red chairs in St Mary’s Hall are being disposed of – many have already been claimed. If you would like a few to keep in your back shed, please let us know ASAP – or miss out.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Absence Makes the Heart Grow – by Br Keith Nelson SSJE (continued)**

Beginning in the twelfth century, there was a new understanding of the role of feelings in the life of faith. Feelings had been seen as valuable tools in the journey toward self-knowledge. Now they were seen as keys that opened a living relationship with Jesus, whose joys, sorrows, desires, and disappointments were sure signs of how deeply he knew our humanity and longed for a return of our love. There was a keen sense that the Incarnation of Christ was intended to captivate our feelings, in order to draw us beyond them – to lasting truths. Jesus is able to hold our loving attention because he speaks the language of our senses and affections. This attraction starts a journey. Jesus longs to be present to us also in his divinity, as “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15). When our affections are “raised” in this way, the tradition maintains, painful feelings of absence are to be expected. The resulting feeling of absence might even be what draws us on this journey of discovery. The felt absence of God and the anticipation of God’s return increases our desire, but it remains unsatisfied. While the sense of God’s absence is painful, this pain has a role to play in our transformation. We cannot rest until we know God entirely. There is an unfinished, open-ended quality to the work of God in us on this side of eternity. Our need of God – expressed in empty, outstretched hands – is shown to be our greatest gift to God. The Incarnation teaches us the value of this ebb and flow. The pandemic lockdowns have been instructive. We need to ask ourselves: How have the feelings of the absence of human contact during the COVID lockdowns sparked a deeper self-knowledge? And similarly, how have our feelings of God’s absence opened for us a greater desire for a living relationship with Jesus?

**PRAY DAILY: \*The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). \*The Diocese of Bendigo:** †Matt Brain; Clergy and People. **\*The Parish of Wishart:** Peter Judge-Mears, Clergy and People. **\*Anglicare SQ West Region Community Services (Toowoomba).** **\*Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay:** Principal - Joe Wright; Chaplain - Jeff Jarvis; College Council; staff & students

**PEW REFLECTIONS. June 6 2021 - Text: Robert McLean ABM’s Partnerships Coordinator ABM, 2021.**

Today we learn from that Psalmist that ‘*At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul*’. May we remember that whenever we feel weak, or tired or anxious that if we call on God, then new strength will be given to us. There is no need to feel hopeless and alone because God is ever-willing to send the Holy Spirit to inspire, to comfort, and to strengthen us. Send your Spirit to us, Lord, that we might be given consolation and reassurance. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India.

**FUTURE READINGS**

**13<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost 3 (G)**

1 Samuel 15: 34- 16: 13	Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14- 17	Mark 4: 26-34

**20<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost 4 (G)**

1 Sam 17: 1a, 4-11, 32 -49	Psalm 9: 9- 20
2 Cor 6: 1 -13	Mark 4: 35 - 41

**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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