

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KILCOY/ WOODFORD



St. Mary's  
Kilcoy



St. Matthias  
Woodford



Mt. Mee  
Community Church

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## *Easter 5 May 2<sup>nd</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**

**5.30pm – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

God is Love

**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:**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4. 10-11

#### **Collect:**

O God,

form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 8: 26- 40-** *A reading from Acts Chapter 8, beginning at the 26<sup>th</sup> verse.*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 22: 26- 32 (APBA p 243)**

**Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7- 21-** *A reading from 1 John, Ch 4, beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

**Gospel: John 15: 1- 8-** *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John Ch 15, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> verse – 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the*

branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*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, 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 equal access to the COVID vaccines for all countries. For wisdom for regulators as to vaccine safety and the resolving of supply issues.

**Please pray for:** The unemployed and underemployed; People whose life and livelihoods have been destroyed by natural disasters: storms, fires, floods, and drought; for the homeless; the victims of domestic and family violence; and for victims of child abuse.

**Praise God for:** God's amazing love for humanity and care for all of creation.

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### **WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS**

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**Mondays: Bible Study at St Mary's 9.30am:** Recommencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Come and join us.

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am:** Service at St Mary's followed by the Guild meeting.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 10.45am:** Embracia Hymnfest. All welcome – please be early for COVID checks

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 8am: Monster May Market – Woodford.** Bring your family and friends for great bargains: enjoy a BBQ, face painting and a fantastic OP Shop Fashion Parade. The OP Shop is open

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am:** Service at Aloaka Lodge. Everyone is welcome. **NB Change of week**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am:** Service at St Matthias followed by the Guild meeting.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am: Bishop Jeremy's Pastoral visit – in Kilcoy:** Don Walker and Sheila Woodward will be received in membership of the Anglican Church – come and support them. If anyone is interested, please see Rev Jilleen. **NB: Change of service time and place.**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm:** Parish Council meeting – in Kilcoy

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### **CHURCH NOTICES**

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**Monster May Market – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Donations of produce, plants, cooking, and saleable goods will be very welcome. Please talk to Cindy Duncalfe or Carole Dobson if you can assist.

**Diary Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.** The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ecumenical Covenant Service will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woodford. **NB: RSVP ESSENTIAL- BOOK by 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Contact Della or Rev Jilleen – see the notice board for more information. The service will be followed by a

light lunch. Come for a time of celebration of this important milestone with our Covenant partners from the Catholic, Uniting Church, and Lutheran Churches. We will have the opportunity to sign a new combined Ecumenical banner before and at the service.

**Parish Notice:** The parish has submitted an application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for improvements to St Mary's Kilcoy Hall. We are applying for a grant to pay for a large bank of solar panels on the hall roof, insulation in the ceiling and to finish off the lining of the small storeroom. (The parish will need to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty for the Solar Panels- in case anyone objects) These improvements will make the hall more comfortable in summer.

**Thoughts to Ponder: Praying Silence.** Practicing silence is paradoxical: it is something we do by not doing anything at all. Silence is always available within us, yet it requires intentional practice because our culture pulls us so hard in the opposite direction. Since we are unused to silence, some of us can feel uncomfortable (even fearful) in its presence. Yet silence at heart is about relationship; it opens us to the mystery of God's loving presence. As the SSJE Rule of Life explains, "The gift of silence we seek to cherish is chiefly the silence of adoring love for the mystery of God which words cannot express." This week we invite you to listen for the still, small voice of God in silence. Commit to a set time – say ten minutes a day. As far as you can, drop all expectations about this time of silence. Let your intention be simply to rest in God's loving presence. Trust that all you need to do is show up. God will do the rest.

**PRAY DAILY: \*The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. \*The Diocese of Adelaide:** †Geoff Smith; Bishops, Clergy & People. **\*The Parish of Pittsworth: \*Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission: \*Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane:** Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplains – Bryan Gadd and Stephanie Cotroneo; School Council; staff & students.

**PEW REFLECTIONS. May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021** - Text: Robert McLean *ABM's Partnerships Coordinator ABM, 2021.* - The Psalmist, writing of God, tells us, From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you. Clearly he felt empowered by the worship of God in the company of others. How does worship add joy your life? What does it empower you to do for others? **Pray that** worship on Sunday may energise and empower you throughout the week to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, bringing the same love to others as that with which he loves us. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

## **FUTURE READINGS**

### **9<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6 (W)**

Acts: 10: 44- 48

1 John 5: 1– 12

Psalm 98 (APBA p 325)

John 16: 16- 24

### **16<sup>th</sup> May - Easter 7 (W)**

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

Psalm 1

John 17: 6-19

**BLESSING:** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen