

**Anglican Parish of Northern Albury**  
**“To know Christ and make Him known**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Pentecost 19

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**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

9.30am – Prayer Group – St John's

10am – Quilters - St James' hall

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark

10.15am – Morning Fellowship – St Mark's

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

10am – Eucharist – St James'

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

8.30am – Eucharist – St John's

10am – Eucharist – St Mark's

7pm – Old Time Dance - St James'

**Sentence:**

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

**Sunday Collect:**

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the

treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Weekly Collect:**

O God, you declare your love and grace chiefly by showing mercy and pity: grant us such a measure of your grace that, we may obtain your promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Next week's readings:**

**First Reading: Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10**

**Psalm: 128**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12**

**Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16**



***Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?***

## **FIRST READING: Esther 7: 1-6,9-10,20-22**

### **A reading from the book of Esther:**

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me--that is my petition--and the lives of my people--that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same

month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM: 19: 7-14**

**Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

## **SECOND READING: James 5: 12-20**

### **A reading from the letter of James:**

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven

gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia Alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

**Alleluia.**

**+ GOSPEL St Mark 9: 38-50**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better

for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Pew reflection:*

There is a great danger in claiming that God is on your own side, but the Psalmist is claiming it in retrospect, having seen the hand of God in the events of Israelite history.

- Pray for a spirit of wariness and suspicion when anyone claims that God is on their side, lest you should be led astray.

**ABM:** Pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he leads the worldwide Anglican Communion.

**CMS:** Matt & Lisa Pearson give thanks for the arrival of the Kunwinjku New Testament.

**Our Parish:** We ask God's blessing on all involved in the Evening Fellowship.

**Our neighbourhood:** We pray for those who live in Jindera.

**Thanksgiving:** : We give thanks Lord that you are present in both the oases and the deserts of our lives.

**The Parish Roll:** Ron & Noeline Strong; Leonie Sullivan; Narelle Tassell; Dorothy Thornton; Gladys Treloar

**For those in Special Need:** (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Barbara & family; Shavaun; Charmaine; Stan; Nola; Val; Murray; Sarah; Dianne; Josh; Pauline; Kathleen; Margaret; Eileen; Bruce; Ben; Austinn

**For the recently departed:**

**For those whose anniversary of death; occurs this week:** Joel Sochacki; Alice Hartwig; Joanna Noordewier; Ian Ingram

**Family Service at St John's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.** Rev'd Catherine Dawson will conduct the service with the focus on families. **This is an extra service, the services at St James' and St Paul's will continue as usual.**

**Hymnfest at Yackandandah:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Admission free.

**St Matthew's Fete and Pet show:** Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October – details on Noticeboard.

**Jindera Ecumenical service of celebration for 150yrs - TODAY**

11.30 am Jindera Village Green. Opposite St. Paul's church. Please bring own chair. We will have our Combined Sunday service at St Paul's in time for you to attend the celebrations.

**Safe Church workshop** will take place in Wodonga on 20 October. Registration forms from the Parish office. Please register asap as places are limited.

**Valma Johnson (60256208)** would like **crochet** patterns for rugs. Can you help?

**Tip Vouchers:** We often have need for tip vouchers so if you have any that you don't want please leave them in the Office.

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at noon. Cost \$20. Items for the hamper please.

**Invitation to attend the installation of Canons** on 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm at the Cathedral. Details on noticeboard.