

Anglican Parish of Northern Albury
"To know Christ and make Him known"
7th July 2019 – Pentecost 4
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Tuesday 9th July

9.45am – Prayer Group – St John's
10am – Quilters - St James' hall

Wednesday 10th July

9.30am – Eucharist – St Mark
9am – Friends in Action – leave St Paul's

Thursday 11th July

10am – Eucharist – St James'

Saturday 13th July

8am – Men's Breakfast – St James'
The speaker will be Phil Morton

Sunday 14th July

8.30am – Eucharist – St James'
10am – Daily Prayer on Sunday – St Mark's
10.30am – Eucharist – St Paul's

SENTENCE: The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

SUNDAY COLLECT: God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles,

that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WEEKLY COLLECT:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



"Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house."

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

A reading from the second book of Kings:

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 66: 1-8 Page 286 of your Prayer book.

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6: 1-6

A reading from the letter to the Galatians:

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their

own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

+ GOSPEL: St Luke 10: 1-12, 17-24

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the

sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

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Thanks be to God

ABM: Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

CMS: Kylie Zietsch praises God for the small things in life like running water, electricity and warm clothes. Pray for the continued writing of material for the Biblical Counselling and Care course.

Our Parish: We ask God's blessing on all involved in the Guild.

Our neighbourhood: We pray for those who live in Springdale Heights.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks for the Gospel story of Salvation. May we be ready to make this story our own.

The Parish Roll: Jenny Owen; Dianna & Eddie Parr; Eileen Parascos; Phyllis & Val Parnaby Bev & Bill Perry

For those in Special Need: (Names will be left on this list for a month but may be put back on when requested) Charmaine; Austinn; Diane; Stan; Bruce; Joan; Peg; Evan; Sybil, Les; Bev B; Doreen; Robyn D; Lela; Claire; Norman; Chris; Kay; Sarah; Dorothy; Bob; Rowan;

For the recently departed:

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: June Fitzpatrick; Dorothy Leah; Kathleen Strang; Ned Kelly

Pew reflection: *In Jewish tradition, seventy represented the number of Gentile (foreign) nations. Thus, Jesus' sending out of seventy people foreshadows the mission of his Church to all nations. When the seventy return 'with joy', Jesus says the main cause for rejoicing is not what they have done for God but what God has done and will do for them and for all who trustingly open their hearts to him and his message. An essential part of that message is to 'bear one another's burdens' and 'work for the good of all', as Paul reminds us, also using a harvest image to contrast dead-end life centred on self with eternal life given by the Spirit.*

Text: The Rev Ross Cameron, ABM

The Christmas Luncheon had delicious food and good company. It also raised \$881 for Parish funds. Well done.

As part of our the offering each Sunday there will be a basket to bring donations for the foodbank to be blessed.

Items needed this week: vegemite, jam; coffee, sugar.

Registrations are now open for the Safe Church Awareness Workshop being held in Lavington on Saturday 10th August. Please indicate to Glenda in the Parish office if you are planning to attend and she will make a group booking.

Next week's readings: Pentecost 8

First Reading: Amos 7: 7-17

Psalm: 69: 31-38

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 1-14

Gospel: Luke: 10: 25-37