

10 AUGUST 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	12	8.50am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Rm
		10.00am	Hoy—Morning tea— Maheno Room—\$5
WEDNESDAY	13	8.30am Ekka Holiday	Morning prayers with Sue No Parish Council
THURSDAY	14	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	16	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	17	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist

Quiet Before the Service

Please be sensitive to the fact that when you are sitting in the pews prior to the service and whilst other people are receiving communion, those around you may well wish for quietness.

Thank you.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14. 26-27

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 224, 611, 141, 598

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: GENESIS 37.1-4,12-28

ALLAN THOMSON ANANDA RASHEL

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.

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1ST READING: (Continued)

They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALM 105.1-6,16-22 (*Verses said alternately between the reader & congregation*)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
16. When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,
- 17. he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
18. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;
- 19. until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.**
20. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,**
22. to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10.4-15

LINDA MITCHELL SARAH DAVIES

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL**MATTHEW 14. 22-36**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◇ **The Church of the Province of South East Asia:** +Bolly Lapok
Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Kuching
- ◇ **Ministry to the Defence Force:** +Ian Lambert, Chaplains and Members
of the Defence Forces

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Nerang:** *Charles Holmes, Joy White, Ross Burnett, Nicole Anderson*
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Logan Community Care**
- ◇ **St Andrew's Anglican College:** Principal - Chris Ivey; Chair of College
Council - Richard Gowty; members of College Council

Locally: For all emergency personnel

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Bob, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, John, Renata, Ellen, Adrienne

(NOTE: under the Federal Privacy Act, consent of the person you wish to pray for must be obtained. No details of need / illness can be published without consent)



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 10 August 2014

Genesis 37.1-4,12-28; Psalm 105.1-6,16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

Jesus walks on water

This story is set on and around the Sea of Galilee.

Finally Jesus gets some peace and quiet when he goes up the mountain by himself to pray. However it has been anything but peaceful for his disciples who have had a rough night being tossed around in their boat. The Sea of Galilee is noted for its unpredictable winds and dangerous waters so when we think of Jesus calmly walking across the water to his disciples – there was no millpond, no calm glassy surface as is so often portrayed in modern accounts of this story. It was much more likely to have been rough and wild and extremely dangerous.

Peter tests Jesus in saying if it is indeed him then command him, Peter, to come to him by walking across the water to him. Briefly all goes well, but something happens, in this case a very strong gust of wind and Peter gets frightened and he starts to sink.

If this can happen to Peter, who was to become the head of the church, it can happen to us. We would do well to remember that even the leaders have times of doubt, just as we do. This is another metaphor for life. When we lose confidence in ourselves or in others, we have to cope with the consequences. Reach out in faith to the Lord. He will walk beside us in the difficulties of life.

Question: Where do I find that solitude that my heart cries out for?

Pray that you may grow in your love of God and that your faith may be strengthened by all life's adventures.

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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10 August 2014 News & Coming Events for your Diary

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**. Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- * Sunday 10 August: 4.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- * Tuesday 12 August: 8.50am—Guild meeting—Maheno Room
- * Tuesday 12 August: 10.00am—Hoy and morning tea—Maheno Room—\$5
- * Wednesday 13 August: No Parish Council—Ekka Holiday
- * Thursday 14 August : 9.30am—12 noon-Mah-jong with Barbara—Church
- * Friday 16 August : 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Saturday 16 August : 9.00am—Men's Group -Maheno Room

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOHN.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE WHOLE PARISH WHO CONTRIBUTED AND DUG SO DEEPLY FOR ONE OF OUR THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY YOUR RESPONSE AND GENEROSITY.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS THEY WOULD LIKE ME TO PASS ON THEIR LOVE AND GRATITUDE TO ALL THE SAINTS OF BULIMBA.

THE TOTAL MONEY RAISED WAS \$2360 AND PLACED IN HIS BANK ACCOUNT.

THANK YOU

FATHER JOHN

Cake & Book Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish)

Our next cake & book stalls are on next Sunday 31st August, which is also the day of the Bulimba Festival.

Please try and bake as much as you can, as there will be a lot more people around to buy our lovely homemade goods.

Knitting Circle

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on Wednesday 20th August, at 9.30am

Childrens Church

Today the children will hear the story of Joseph, his special coat and how he was treated by his brothers. The older children will be challenged to think about what motivated each of the people in the story.

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us. We meet in two groups:

Children's Church – for children in Year One to Year Seven

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Prep, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

Fellowship Dinner

It is a few years since we had a Fellowship Dinner evening so why not join one of our Fellowship Dinners on September 13th?

One person offers to be host, usually of a dinner for 6-8 people, and the guests bring entrée, main and dessert (and wine/soft drinks as they prefer). These are really enjoyable evenings and a chance to get to know other members of the congregation better.

On the list at the back of the church please give us your name and phone number (and email if you have one) and your choice of providing venue, entrée, main or dessert.

You will be contacted on or before the weekend of 6/7 September to advise your venue and other details.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2014

Genesis 45.1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11.13-32

Matthew 15. 21-28

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVER SARAH DAVIES
READERS	KAREN BLAND ANN WINFIELD	LAURA BENTLEY JOANNE WOOD
INTERCESSOR	MARCIA McALLAN	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE GRAYDON CLARK	LAURIE THOMSON ROY FAMILY
TEA / COFFEE	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	DIANNE COFFEY
OFFERTORY COUNTER	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY MARGARET O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ALLAN THOMSON
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA, ANANDA	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	KYLIE, MICHAEL	
FLOWERS	ELAINE	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$ 989.05