

10 SEPTEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	12	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & morning Tea—Maheno Room \$5— All welcome
THURSDAY	14	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	15	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	17	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy. You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list. You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer. We hope you will join us for coffee after the service. The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

“Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.”

Matthew 18.20

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 560, 463, 278, 30.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: EXODUS 12. 1-14

Don Hann Joanne Wood

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

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1ST READING: (continued)

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

PSALM 149: (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**
3. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- 4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.**
5. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
- 6. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**
7. to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8. to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,**
9. to execute on them the judgement decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

2ND READING: ROMANS 13. 1-10

Margaret Salter Laura Bentley

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

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SECOND READING: : (continued)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law..

MATTHEW 18. 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOXES ARE:-

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

SOMETHING TO LOVE Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO WEAR T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc.

(No toothpaste)

SOMETHING SPECIAL Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Seychelles - (Indian Ocean):** †James Richard Wong Yin Song
- ♦ **Ministry to the Defence Force:** †Ian Lambert; Chaplains & Members of the Defence Force

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of The Gap:** Ken Hopper, Ken Collins, Desley Green
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ Mental Health & Family Wellbeing**
- ♦ **St Andrew's Anglican College: Principal** - Chris Ivey; Chair of College Council – Rosalyn Cheales; members of College Council

Locally: Educators and students preparing for end of term.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 10 September 2017

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

Today's gospel is, for the Church across the world, the Discourse of the Community. We hear Jesus' call as he instructs his church in the importance of fraternal correction, and provides for us the model for which the early church would bring about this correction.

In the accounts of Peter's ministry we have heard proclaimed in the gospel narratives the past few Sundays, we have heard that the grace to forgive, and to reconcile has been given to his Church, through Peter's great commissioning.

Like lost sheep, by our own wrongdoing, we sometimes exclude ourselves from the flock and go astray. It is not the will of the Father that we should be lost. We seek the grace to live as the community of God, on earth as in heaven.

Pray that as sheep that so often wander afar, we might have the grace and strength to live out our calling, woven together in love and forgiveness as his church, for the glory of his kingdom. Give thanks for the work of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.

Text: Jesse Poole

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10 September 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Tuesday 12 September: 8.50am –Guild meeting—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 12 September: 10.00am—Hoy & Morning tea—Maheno Room \$5
- ◇ Thursday 14 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 15 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 17 September: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 17 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ **Saturday 7 October: 10am –9.00pm—Bulimba Festival**

LA Ministry Workshop

Please see the flyer on the notice board (which has been endorsed by Bishop Alison Taylor) inviting those contemplating LA Ministry to attend a Workshop on next **Saturday 16 September** 2017.

If you would like more information please contact either Allan Sauer (3397 1501, 0412 746 636, sauer@ecn.net.au OR Peter Wornham (3422 2485, 0411 599 780, pwo33029@bigpond.net.au).



Fellowship Dinner: Our next Parish Fellowship dinner will be held on Saturday September 30th.

As previously, we will co-ordinate groups of 6 to 8 people to meet in one another's homes for an evening of fun, food and friendship.

Each person offers to provide one of the following: venue, entrée, main or dessert. Drinks are BYO.

A list will be placed at the back of the church for you to indicate that you would like to attend, what you would prefer to provide and your best contact details. A week before the 30th you will be notified of your host and the time and place. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and have a really good time.

Families with children are very welcome and for those who prefer not to drive at night we can try and organise car-pooling. If you have any special food needs please let us know

Please contact Joanne Wood on 3395 7614 or 0408645701 if you have any questions.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 20th September at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 12th September in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy.

A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Maheno Room. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

Not sure when our next stalls will be as the Bulimba Festival is on Saturday 7 October from 10.00am—9.00pm. Keep posted for more information on our Involvement in the wonderful local event.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new youth programme offered during School term time at St John's. Each term the teens are invited to participate in 3 sessions exploring the Bible and their faith as well as 'In Service' services at the 9am Family service. They engage in ministry tasks and liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme.

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3-years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

Next Weeks Readings

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 17 September 2017

Exodus 14.19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14.1-14

Matthew 18.21-35

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
READERS	Linda Mitchell Roslyn Thomson	Teen Church
DOOR	Stuart Winfield Volunteer	Teen Church
TEA / COFFEE	Volunteer	Bjorn Holdt Lauren Holdt
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
TEEN CHURCH		
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays	
FLOWERS	Judith	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1494.00

Yearly giving is \$14,469.65 under budget