## 12 February 2017 - Today's Services S

#### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST
9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST



## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH				
TUESDAY	14	10.00am	Hoy and morning tea— Maheno Room	
TUES, WED, THURS THURSDAY	16	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-Jong—Church	
FRIDAY	10	10.00am	Eucharist	
SUNDAY	19	7.30am 9.00am 10.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist AGM—Maheno Room	

# When the bell rings before a service - please pause in silence to say this prayer in your heart:

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119.1

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- TIS: 233, 407, 115, 569.

#### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: Grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Amen.

**1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 10.12-22** Margaret Salter Jacqueline Chapman

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Psalm 119:1-8 (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

- 1. Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3. who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
- 4. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
- 5. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
- 6. Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 7. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- 8. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3.1-9 Susan Rowe Tony Rigby

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5. 21-37

Jesus said, 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

## Lenten Bible Study

"Dethroning Mammon" by Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

Is the group study book for this Lent.

Groups will be held Wednesday evening 7pm

8th—15th—22nd—29th March

More information will be available next week.

### **Parish Prayers**

## The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Lusaka - (Central Africa): †David Njovu

The Diocese of Grafton: †Sarah Macneil; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Goodna: Peter Moore – Locum, Heidi de Gruchy, John Deng,

Thomas Gray

St Margaret's Home Assist, Secure

St John's Anglican College: Head of College - Sue Bain; Chaplain - Susan Crothers-

Robertson; Chair of College Council - Barry Kelly; members of College Council

**Locally:** All isolated from the community.

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

(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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Sunday 12 February 2017

Deuteronomy 10.12-22: Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37

In the Epistle reading, St Paul is creating an environment to correct what is normally known as 'sibling rivalry.' Paul equates his ministry with the ministry of Apollos and affirms to the Corinthians that Apollos and Paul were both servants of the Living God and there was no need for the Church to be divided along those lines of one group liking Paul and another liking Apollos. The ministry is one and the owner of the very ministry is none other than God himself. Why are there so many divisions in the Church nowadays? God is calling the Church to heal the wounds and unite people by planting the seed of love.

Pray that God will bring unity within the body of Christ, the Church and heal the broken hearts. Pray for unity of purpose in our diversity that the Church may be one as Christ and his Father are one (John 17.11)

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Bangladesh.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

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## 12 February 2017 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.

- ♦ Thursday 16 February :9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- Friday 17 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- Sunday 19 February: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ♦ Sunday 19 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- Wednesday 1 March: Ash Wednesday, 10.00am—Imposition of ashes
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## **Annual General Meeting:**

Sunday 19th February, 2017 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. (You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) .Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

## **Annual Reports:**

Are available at the back of the Church, please take your copy, read it, and bring to the AGM with any questions you may have.

#### **WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for your weekly givings are at the back of the Church. They start on 1st January 2017 and go through to Christmas Day 2017.

These are excellent for those who do not have direct giving set up, but wish to contribute to our ongoing ministry on a weekly basis, even if you are away.

#### WHAT WE DO

#### 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.

Today's lesson is the third in our series about the Sermon on the Mount. The theme for this morning is about God's love growing within us.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 9.30 am.

#### St. John's Guild:

The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 14th February, 2017 at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, they would like some more participants, so please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

## Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church. 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 26th February. The people manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Thank you.

## **Next Weeks Readings**

# The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday 19 February 2017

Psalm 119.33-40
1 Corinthians 3.10-17
Matthew 5.38-48

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00ам	
L.A.'s	Robert Bland Vanessa Hanlon	Howard Greaver Sarah Davies	
READERS	Allan Thomson Joy Kelly	Children's Church	
INTERCESSOR	Lynette McAllan	Sarah Davies	
Door	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Judith Hancock	
TEA / COFFEE	Dorothy Cameron Volunteer	Children's Church	
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson	
TEEN CHURCH			
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kylie/Lauren		
FLOWERS	Elaine		

Weekly Giving: Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1143.55

A deficite of \$606.45