

13 DECEMBER 2015

TODAY'S SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM— FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	18	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	20	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist 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:

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

*Zephaniah 3.16-17*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- TIS: 216, 690, 147, 265

9.00am Eucharist: TIS: 96, 216, 183, 147

### Third Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of **HOPE** and the candle of **PEACE**.

Now we light the third candle of Advent.

This is the candle of **JOY**. As the coming of Jesus, our Saviour, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord:

"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." *-- Isaiah 65:18*

From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." *-- Galatians 5:22-25*

### Let us pray:

**We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfilment of your promise of a Saviour and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:**

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3.14-20**

JUNE PARKER    ALEX TERVITT

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**PSALM : A SONG OF ISAIAH (SAY ALL TOGETHER)**

- 2. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**
- 3. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**
- 4. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**
- 5. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**
- 6. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL    LUKE 3.7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

- **The Diocese of Windward Islands - (West Indies):** +Calvert Friday
- **Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: Aboriginal Clergy and People**

### In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Cooroora:** Robert Davidson - Locum, David Lunnis, Linda Kologaras
- **Household of Deacons**
- **St Luke's Anglican School:** Principal - Martin Oates; Chaplain - Iain Furby; Chair of School Council – Hermina Conradie; members of School Council

**Locally:** All on holidays and travelling at this time.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, Adrienne, John, Helen, Roselee, Esther, Arch, Pam D.

*(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 Third Sunday of Advent– Sunday 13 December 2015  
Zephaniah 3.14-20; For the Psalm: A Song of Isaiah – (Isaiah 12.2–6)  
Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Gaudete Sunday! The third Sunday in Advent is one of joy with its continuous refrain, Rejoice! The coming is near. We are more than half-way there. Salvation is at hand. As we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath and, in some places, don our rose-coloured vestments, we are transported to a new vision, one that is seen through rose-coloured glasses! Pray with an open and joyful heart that Christ's coming will herald a time of peace for all nations. Rejoice!

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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## **13 December 2015 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.

Friday 18 December : 10.00am—Eucharist

Sunday 20 December: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20 December: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

#### ***December 24th Christmas Eve***

**6.00pm**—Christingle Service, a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Very family orientated. (the children love it.)

**11.30pm**—Mid-night Eucharist

#### ***December 25th Christmas Day***

**7.30am**—Sung Eucharist

**9.00am**—Family Eucharist

#### ***December 27th***

**8.30am**- Eucharist

#### ***January 3rd***

**8.30am**- Eucharist

**No Friday Eucharist until 8th January**

## **What We Do**

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday, 16th March 2016 at 9.30am. Come along and join this happy group, for knitting, fellowship and morning tea; bring your knitting, or come and learn. Morning tea is provided.

### **Mah-jong Group:**

The Mah-jong Group meet every Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church but is in recess until February 2016. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us on Thursday morning at 9.30am. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

A big thank you to all who contributed to our last stalls for the year. They raised \$1150.50 which goes to make up the shortfall in our weekly givings. The first stalls for 2016 will be Election Day Saturday 19th March 2016.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The Guild meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 8.50am in the Maheno Room, for their meeting. This is followed by a morning of Hoy starting at 10.00am at which morning tea is served. This dedicated group of ladies also do catering for Funerals and other small functions and would welcome any new members. Next meeting Tuesday . If you are interested, please contact the office on 3399 1508 or office@stjohnsbulimba.org or Peg Gladstone on 3217 9589.

### **Connect2Veterans:**

Organised by Emma Simpson who has monthly get-togethers with teenagers and the more mature in our community who are veterans or shut-ins who do not have young people in their lives to connect with them. Emma brings these two groups together in the Maheno Room to enjoy a lovely afternoon tea and enjoy various activities. Please contact Emma on: 0407 384470 or connect2veterans@gmail.com Transport can be organized if needed. Next afternoon tea is Sunday 21 February 2016, 3.00-4.30pm.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2015

Micah 5.2-5a

Psalm 80.1-7

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-55

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVES SARAH DAVIES
<b>READERS</b>	VANESSA HANLON ANN WINFIELD	SARAH DAVIES LINDA MITCHELL
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	JUNE PARKER	ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE STUART WINFIELD	STEVE JONES
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	DOROTHY CAMERON	BJORN AND LAUREN HOLDT
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES
<b>COUNTER</b>	MARGARET O'KEARNEY	ALLAN THOMSON
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1187.15**