

13 JULY 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	16	8.15am	Morning prayers with Sue
		9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Rm
THURSDAY	17	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	18	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	20	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:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6. 63,68

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 642, 164, 410, 531

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: By your Holy spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; 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: GENESIS 25. 19-34

SUSAN ROWE NATALIE NASH

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

PSALM 119.105-112 (*Verses said alternately between the reader & congregation*)

105. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

107. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

108. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

109. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

111. Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

112. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8.1-11 JUDITH HANCOCK SARAH DAVIES

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13. 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'



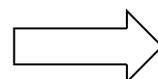
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 13 July 2014

Genesis 25.19-34; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23

We need to listen very carefully...

Jesus is a good teacher, using images that his listeners are familiar with. In this case the poor and stony fields. He takes the example of the sandy, useless soils and compares it with the rich soils that have been prepared for planting. Then, drawing the parallel with the seeds that struggle to survive, he uses them as a metaphor for nurturing people in faith and seeing their faith grow according to their preparation. It is the same today. Some people come and then go, others stay for a while until the going gets challenging and they move on but others take root and their faith grows as the church and its members nurture them.

If we want God's Kingdom to take root in our lives and in the lives of our parishes then we must nurture everyone, not just the people we like but those also who we would rather walk away from.



Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◇ **The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea:** + Clyde Igara
- ◇ **Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia:** Aboriginal Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Ipswich North:** Bill Redman
- ◇ **Green Hills Anglican Community Caring Ministries**
- ◇ **St Luke's Anglican School:** Principal, Martin Oates; Chaplain, Iain Furby; Chair of School Council, Ian Reynolds; members of School Council

Locally: Our Parish representatives attending Synod.

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)

RIP:- John MacPhail, Samantha Drummond

Today's parable is a metaphor for Christian communities. In order for them to grow to maturity they must be nurtured. Unless they are fed and looked after they will not grow. Questions: Am I the person who gets so enthusiastic at the first mention of something new, but then get bored and move on, or do I hang around until the going gets tough and then lose interest? Or do I consider what I hear, think on it, let it sit for a while, decide it feels good and then lay down roots, as does the seed that falls on good soil? Do I hear the word and having pondered for some time become committed and go on to bear much fruit? What am I doing to nurture the Kingdom of God in my parish?

Pray for clarity of thinking and determination to stay the distance

Pray for the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: Rosemary King, St Paul's Burwood, Sydney

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13 July 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.

- * Wednesday 16 July—9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- * Thursday 17 July : 9.30am—12 noon-Mah-jong with Barbara—Church
- * Friday 18 July : 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 20 July : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 20 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

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.

Please leave your completed boxes at the back of the Church for collection.

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

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 27th July . 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 fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. Thanks.

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. The rugs are then given to the residents of 'Georgina Home for the Aged' , Wynnum Road. The beanies are sent to the Seamen's Mission at the Port of Brisbane, and so far this year 134 beanies have been knitted. 30 tea towels have also been completed this year and these are sold at our Cake and book stalls, the proceeds of which go toward the upkeep of the Parish. Well done ladies! 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 16th July, at 9.30am

Skate Park Petition

There is a letter from Councillor Shayne Sutton re the request for a Skate Park in the area, and a petition to sign should you wish to.

Admission to Communion:

Those interested in "Admission to Communion" please give your name and contact details to the Rector,

Children's Church



Children's Church is currently taking a break for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 20 July. Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2014

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 36-43

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVER SARAH DAVIES
READERS	RUTH SOUTHGATE MARCIA McALLAN	ALEX TERVITT LOUISE TERVITT
INTERCESSOR	JACQUELINE HANLON	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE GRAYDON CLARK	Laurie Thomson ROY FAMILY
TEA / COFFEE	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	DIANNE COFFEY
OFFERTORY COUNTER	MICHAEL & MARGARET O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ALLAN THOMSON
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA, MICHAEL	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DOROTHY, KYLIE	
FLOWERS	CAROLINE	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$ 1338.40