

14 SEPTEMBER 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FOURTEENTH 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

WEDNESDAY	17	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	18	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	19	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	21	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist

Quiet Before and During 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:

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. *Psalm 130.3-4*

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: EXODUS 14.19-31

VANESSA HANLON LINDA MITCHELL

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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1ST READING: (Continued)

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

PSALM 114 (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER & CONGREGATION)

1. When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- 2. Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**
3. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
- 4. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**
5. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6. O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?**
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8. who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14.1-14

MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL SMIT

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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SECOND READING: (CONTINUED)

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' resorting to other measures. Here common sense sets out an appropriate method for redress of wrongs. Hopefully things can be put right before a person has to walk away and treat the wrongdoer as an outsider.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- * **The Diocese of Etsako - (Bendel, Nigeria):** +Jacob Bada
- * **The Diocese of Brisbane:** +Phillip Aspinall; Assistant Bishops: Jonathan Holland, Geoff Smith, Alison Taylor, Cameron Venables; Clergy and People & Chancellor – the Hon Debra Mullins and Deputy Chancellor – the Hon David Thomas

In The Diocese:

- * **The Parish of Mundubbera-Eidsvold-Monto:** Carol Palmer
- * **Service Personnel Anglican Help Society**
- * **Hillbrook Anglican School:** Principal - Geoff Newton; Chaplain - Sharon Baird; Chair of School Council; Grahme Whiting; members of School Council

Locally: For all doctors, nurses and health care workers.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Bob, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, John, 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 14 September 2014

Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

Remember that commandment that you learnt as a young child, often taught to you by your parents to help you understand how to treat others: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you". This is a classic example of the slave ignoring this to his own detriment. Not only must we forgive others but that forgiveness must be more than lip service. It must come from the heart. You must truly mean it. And remember, we are accountable to the Father.

Cancelling debt has strong Christian overtones. Think about the debts that have been incurred by developing countries who are faced with insurmountable debts that they will never be able to pay off. This parable would be incomplete without introducing the concept of mercy which as Christians should be central to our daily living. A traditional form of the Lord's Prayer asks God to "... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Remember to be merciful to others as we would have them be to us.

Questions: As a global community what should we do about the countries who are 'drowning' in debt. How can the developed world help them to establish themselves on a firm financial footing and what can we as a community of faith do to encourage this to happen?

Pray for efforts to root out graft and corruption by improvements in accountability and transparency. Pray for Transparency International's work.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Song Gong Hoe, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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14 September 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 14 September : 4.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- * Wednesday 17 September : 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- * Thursday 18 September: 9.30am—12 noon-Mahjong with Barbara, Church
- * Friday 19 September : 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 21 September : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 21 September : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- * Sunday 21 September : 4.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- * Sunday 12 October : 8.30am—St. Francis Day Service- (one service only)

Children's Church

Today's lesson is a little bit different – it is all about praising God and the wonder of Creation and caring for the environment. This is the last Children's Church for Term 3. Children's Church will be back again on Sunday 12 October. 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.

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 this Wednesday 17th September, at 9.30am

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

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 28th September . 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.

Thank you

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 12 October. There will be one service that Sunday at 8.30am. Please feel free to share this rich worship opportunity with friends and family.

Tau



Almost all Franciscan churches have painted a tau with two crossing arms, both with stigmata, the one of Jesus and the other of Francis. Usually members of the Secular Franciscan Order wear a wooden T in a string with three knots around the ankle.

In ancient times, Tau was used as a symbol for life and/or resurrection.

The **Tau** (uppercase **T**, lowercase **t**; Greek: **ΤΑΥ**) is the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet. In the system of Greek numerals it has a value of 300.

Tau is usually considered as the symbol of Franciscan orders due to St. Francis' love for it, symbol of the redemption and of the Cross.

Prayasyougo is a lovely way to help you pray in our busy lives. It has the reading for the day, music and prayers. Just type prayasyougo into your search engine on your phone or tablet and off you go. Enjoy

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

– SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2014

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalms 105.1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1.21-30;

Matthew 20.1-16

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVER SARAH DAVIES
READERS	SEE NEW ROSTERS	SEE NEW ROSTERS
INTERCESSOR	SEE NEW ROSTERS	SEE NEW ROSTERS
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE GRAYDON CLARK	LURIE 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	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
FLOWERS	DIANNE	