

15 MARCH 2015 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MOTHERING SUNDAY

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	18	10.00am	Bible Study—Coxen Room
THURSDAY	19	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	20	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	22	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:

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3. 14-15*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 233, 407, 341, 209

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### 1ST READING: NUMBERS 21. 4-9

KAREN BLAND SARAH DAVIES

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**PSALM 107. 1-3, 17-22** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble**
3. and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 17. Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**
18. they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.
- 19. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;**
20. he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.
- 21. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**
22. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

**2ND READING: EPHESIANS 2.1-10**

ANN WINFIELD PAUL DAVIS

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 3.14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

### **Letter from the Discussions at the AGM**

Dear Parishioners, you will notice on the back of this week's pew bulletin that our budget has increased from \$1350 per week to \$1700 per week. This should come as no surprise as all of you would have noticed that the cost of living has increased.

We have for quite some time now been operating under budget and this of course can not go on; if it were not for Father John working 3 days a week as Diocesan Director of Ordinands, we would not have him as our Rector, or indeed were Father John to leave St. John's Bulimba, we would not be able to afford a full-time Priest.

So what can we do about this:- increase our giving is the one direct way this can happen, and an increase of just \$5 per week, per parishioner, every week would see us achieve our budget.

With today's society being such a cashless society, most people use cards, and don't always carry cash, so perhaps the best option is for you to do a direct debit to the Church's Bank Account, or set up a direct debit through Anfin.

Anfin direct debit forms are available at the back of the Church should this be suitable to you.

St. John's Bank Account Details:-

BULIMBA ANGLICAN PARISH

BSB: 704 901

ACCOUNT NO: 00014573

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- **Missouri – (V, The Episcopal Church):** +Wayne Smith
- **The Diocese of Melbourne:** +Philip Freier; Regional Bishops: +Philip Huggins, +Paul White; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese: -

- **The Parish of Coolum:** Cathy Laufer, Rick Bowie, Jocelyn Pitt, Carol Roth, Patrick Doulin, Jim McPherson
- **Quilpie Home and Community Care**
- **St Pauls School:** Headmaster - Paul Browning; Chaplain - Mark Leam; Chair of School Council - Heather Walker; members of School Council

**Locally:** All mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

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

*(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 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
– Sunday 15 March, 2015

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

John asserts that the very sight of the suffering Jesus on the cross has power to bring people to repentance and faith, overwhelmed by the new life won for them. May we look at the cross of Christ and respond with repentance and faith.

Pray that people will come to faith in Christ crucified.

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: Dorothy Thorpe, Diocese of Willochra  
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## 15 March 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.

- ◇ Wednesday 18 March: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Wednesday 18 March: 10.00am—Bible Study-Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 19 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong
- ◇ Friday 20 March : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 22 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 22 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

### **WANTED: People with a heart for children in Bulimba!**

The RE program at Bulimba State School operates on a Wednesday morning, between 9.00 – 11.00am, and has a participation rate of over 90%, which is very rare for state schools! Our local churches currently have an excellent relationship with the school, and it is so important we continue to support this vital program, both financially and in person. Our current teachers represent churches from Catholic, Uniting, Baptist and Churches of Christ backgrounds, but we really need some more teachers/helpers, especially from our Anglican family. A huge thanks goes to Natalie Nash who has been tirelessly involved in RE for many years. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue in 2015. If you would like some more information, or are interested in coming along to see what happens, please contact Rev. Rod Fisher on [rodjohnfisher@gmail.com](mailto:rodjohnfisher@gmail.com) or 0419 678 619.

### **Children's Church:**

Today we will be hearing a story based on today's Psalm. For the younger children, the focus is on making music and singing in praise to God. We will be making some simple musical instruments – should be fun – and perhaps a little noisy!

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.

## **What We Do**

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on this Wednesday, 18th March, 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, and would love to have some more members. 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):**

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 29th March . This is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. It will have an Easter Theme so please try and decorate your goods accordingly. 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. If you are unable to bake we are happy to have donations of flour, lemons, sugar etc delivered to the Church! Thanks.

### **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.

If you are interested, please contact the office on 3399 1508 or [office@stjohnsbulimba.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbulimba.org) or Peg Gladstone on 3217 9589.

**NEXT WEEKS READINGS**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 22 March, 2015**

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalm 119.9-16

Hebrews 5.5-14

John 12.20-33

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
<b>READERS</b>	ALLAN THOMSON MARGARET SALTER	MICHAEL SMIT JANINE HARTSHORN
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	BAPTISMS
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE SUSAN ROWE	LAURIE THOMSON MICHAEL SMIT
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	DOROTHY CAMERON RUTH SOUTHGATE	JOANNE WOOD
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	DOROTHY/ANDREA	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	LYN/MICHAEL	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1097.65**