

17 JULY 2016

TODAY'S SERVICES

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	20	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	21	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	22	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	24	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

***Welcome! We are glad you are with us!***

***Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.***

***During the service, let the Lord speak to you.***

***After the service, speak to one another.***

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.16*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 187, 590, 59, 496.

9.00am Family Eucharist:- **As One Voice Bk 1:** 47, 66, 71, 181.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: AMOS 8. 1-12

JUNE PARKER TONY RIGBY

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord God; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

**PSALM 52:** (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER AND CONGREGATION)

1. Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long
- 2. you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.**
3. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**
5. But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.
- 6. The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,**
7. 'See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!'
- 8. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.**
9. I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

**2ND READING:      COLOSSIANS 1. 15-29      MARGARET SALTER      LINDA MITCHELL**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 10. 38-42**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'



### ***Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer***

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ♦ **PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda:** +Onesphore Rwaje Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo

#### In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Diocese of North Queensland:** +Bill Ray; Clergy and People
- ♦ **The Parish of Stradbroke Island: Denise Ferguson**
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ Residential & Foster & Kinship Care**
- ♦ **The Southport School:** Headmaster - Greg Wain; Chaplain - Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council - Fraser Perrin; members of School Council

**Locally:** For all emergency personnel.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Helen, Pam D., Emma, Linda, Lucia, John W., Drew.

*(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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 17 July 2016

Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-29; Luke 10.38-42

'To make the word of God fully known'. Here, Paul is still writing to the Colossians, emphasising that they have much to know and learn about Jesus, 'the image of the invisible God'. This is, in effect, what Jesus told Martha, when she complained to him that her sister, Mary, was just sitting down listening to what he was saying. Amos, the prophet had to listen to what the Lord was saying. We too have to sit at the Lord's feet and listen to what he has to say - specifically to us.

Pray that we will be disciplined in setting time aside to listen to what Jesus is saying to us. Give thanks that ABM provides the Church in Australia with varied resources for listening and learning about the Anglican Church's work around the world.

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## **17 July 2016 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 20 July: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno room
- ◇ Thursday 21 July : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 22 July: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 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.

**If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.**

**If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.**

## **WHAT WE DO**

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

This morning at Little Children's Church, the younger children will be hearing the story of Mary and Martha. We will be making a simple clock, with the message "What's the time? It's time for God".

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 3 to Year 7

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Year 2, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30 am.

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

Guild meeting will be on next Tuesday 9th August at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. 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 28th August, 2016. 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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY 24 JULY 2016

Hosea 1.2-10;  
Psalm 85;  
Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19);  
Luke 11.1-13

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	SUSAN ROWE LAURA BENTLEY
<b>READERS</b>	SUSAN ROWE LINDA MITCHELL	JUDITH HANCOCK JOY KELLY
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROBERT BLAND	
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE SUSAN ROWE	LAURIE THOMSON MICHAEL SMIT
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	ANDREA AND MICHAEL FINDLAY
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	CAROLINE/MICHAEL SMIT	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	KYLIE/ANDREA	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	ELAINE	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1171.75**