

19 MARCH 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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			
TUESDAY	21	8.30am	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	22	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Knitting Circle—Maheno Room Bible Study
THURSDAY	23	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	24	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	26	7.30am 9.00am 10.00am—noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Cake & Book Stall s—Lawn

***When the bell rings before a service -***

***please pause in silence to say this prayer in your heart:***

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

‘The water that I will give,’ says the Lord, ‘will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ *John 4.14*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 52, 499, 446, 129.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: Stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: EXODUS 17.1-7

Georgina Greenhill Children’s Church

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

## **Psalm 95 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)**

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- 6. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- 8. Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
9. when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- 10. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.'**
11. Therefore in my anger I swore, 'They shall not enter my rest.'

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 5. 1-11**

Susan Rowe Children's Church

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 4.5-42

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

**Parish Prayers**  
**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

***In The World: -***

**The Diocese of Mbale - (Uganda):** †Patrick Gidudu

**The Diocese of North West Australia:** †Gary Nelson; Clergy and People

***In The Diocese:***

**The Parish of Mt Gravatt:** +Doug Stevens, Cheryl Selvage Ben Balasingh,  
Michael Ingall, Colin Roberts, Trevor Butler, Pauline Harley

**Anglicare SQ Metro South Community Services**

**Toowoomba Anglican & Prep School, Toowoomba:** Head of School - Simon Lees;  
Student Chaplain - Zoe Browne; Chair of School Council - Hugh Rose;  
members of School Council

***Locally:*** For all who live and work in Oxford Street, Bulimba.

***Pray for The Sick:*** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie,  
John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn.

*(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 in Lent – Sunday 19 March 2017 Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

In the gospel reading, the discourse between the Samaritan woman and Jesus shows us how the division between the Jews and the Samaritans was terminated (in v. 9b we read that the Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans). After the discussions and when the Samaritan woman discovered her definition from Jesus' standpoint, she turned an Evangelist and she went to her home city and invited all to 'come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' (v. 29). We are being called to tell about Jesus and invite people in our places of work, in our homes and in the market to come and see the Messiah.

Pray that God will give us the boldness required to tell about Jesus in our world where talking about Jesus is increasingly becoming less popular. That public theology be embraced in our Churches and society.

Give thanks for the work and witness of all those whose lives point others towards Jesus.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

Bishop of Kapsabet, Anglican Church of Kenya © Anglican Board of Mission, 2016

## 19 March 2017 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 22 March: Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Wednesday 22 March: Bible Study, 7.00pm—Church
- ◇ Thursday 23 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 24 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 26 March: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 26 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 26 March: 10.00am—noon—Cake and Book Stalls

### 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 \$1750 per week to \$1775 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, 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

## WHAT WE DO

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

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3-years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 22 March at 9.30 am.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 1th April in the Maheno Room. Starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

### **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 next Sunday 26th March. 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent — Mothering Sunday

Sunday 26 March 2017

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

<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>	Margaret O'Kearney Ann Winfield	Tony Rigby Jacqueline Chapman
<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>TEEN CHURCH</b>		
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Lauren/Dorothy	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No Flowers in Lent	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1325.00  
A deficit of \$ 450.00**

**Yearly giving is \$4745.85 under budget**