

20 JULY 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE SIXTH 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**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	23	8.15am	Morning prayers with Sue
<b>THURSDAY</b>	24	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	25	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	27	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist
		10.00-12 noon	Cake & Book Stalls

*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:

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86.15*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 405, 745, 147, 217

9.00AM Family Eucharist:- **AS ONE VOICE:**- 71—BK1, 26- Bk.1, 25- Bk2, 59 -Bk2.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: GENESIS 28. 10-19

RUTH SOUTHGATGE ALEX TERVITT

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

**PSALM 139.1-11,23-24** (*Verses said alternately between the reader & congregation*)

1. O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
3. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**
5. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
7. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8. If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
9. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10. even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
11. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',
- 23. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.**
24. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**SECOND READING:      ROMANS 8.12-25      MARCIA McALLAN      LOUISE TERVITT**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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## **SECOND READING** (Continued)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience

## **GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 13. 24-30, 36-43**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World:

- ◇ **The Episcopal Church in the Philippines:** ++Edward Pacyaya Malecdan
- ◇ **The Diocese of Riverina:** Rob Gillion Bishop Elect; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Kawana Waters:** Stuart Webb, Ron Robins, Robert Chippendale, Michael Martin, Scott Windred
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Neilson Home Residential Aged Care**
- ◇ **West Moreton Anglican College, Karrabin:** Principal, Geoff McLay; Chaplain, Lizzie Gaitskell; Chair of College Council, Mr Paul Lostroh; members of School Council

**Locally:** For all young people

**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)*



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
– Sunday 20 July 2014

Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 36-43

The Weeds among the Wheat

Again we are instructed to listen. Again Jesus tells a parable but then he has to explain it for his disciples do not understand. Again he uses the environment that his listeners are familiar with - the fields - the everyday life of the subsistence farmer.

Does this story sound familiar? It should because it is our lives, the wheat and the weeds. We are a mixture of good and bad, in different proportions. There are times when each of us struggles in this world, but how wisely do we make use of our opportunities? But it is at these difficult times that it is so hard to see what we have been given. We must watch out for the weeds that poison us and curtail that which is so good in each of us.

No one or no group is perfect but there is no place for evil deeds, these will bring separation from God and as he tells us he will cull the weeds from the grain.

Question: Can I cut the weeds from my life or do I only see the weeds in others' lives?

Pray for discernment to see the weeds within

Pray for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, 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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## 20 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.

- \* Thursday 24 July : 9.30am—12 noon-Mah-jong with Barbara—Church
- \* Friday 25 July : 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Sunday 27 July : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- \* Sunday 27 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- \* Sunday 27 July: -10.00-12noon—Cake and Book Stalls

### ***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 next 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.

### **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,



Welcome back to Children's Church for term 3! This morning we will be hearing about Jacob's dream. The older children will be decorating a pillow case – as a reminder that God can speak to us always – even at bedtime!

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 Wednesday 20th August, at 9.30am

**NEXT WEEKS READINGS**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY 27 JULY 2014**

Genesis 29.15-28  
 Psalm 105.1-11  
 Romans 8.26-39  
 Matthew 13.44-58

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY EILIS RIGBY
<b>READERS</b>	ANN WINFIELD SUSAN ROWE	TONY RIGBY JANINE HARTSHORN
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE NITA COCHRANE	RIGBY FAMILY
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	MARGARET SONDERGELD DOROTHY CAMERON	JOANNE WOOD
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	LYN, ANANDA	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	ANDREA, JUNE	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	DIANNE	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$ 1289.30**