

21 JUNE 2015

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE BIRTH OF
JOHN THE BAPTIST



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THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

8.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	25	9.30am	Mah-jong
FRIDAY	26	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	28	7.30am 9.00am 10am-12noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist 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 will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. *Luke 1. 76-77*

HYMNS: 8.30am Eucharist:- TIS: 270, As One Voice:26, 54 , TIS: 154

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour by preaching a baptism of repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 49.1-6

PAUL DAVIS

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'
And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

PSALM 139:1-11 (said alternately between reader and 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'.

2ND READING: ACTS 13.16-26

GEORGINA GREENHILL

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

GOSPEL LUKE 1.57-80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◆ **The Diocese of On the Niger - (Niger, Nigeria):** +Chidozie Nwokolo
- ◆ **The Diocese of The Murray:** +John Ford, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◆ **The Parish of Yeronga:** Trevor Butler, Ibrahim Gabi, Eric Neeve
- ◆ **Camp Hill Care and Concern Group**
- ◆ **Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools** – President Peter Laurence

Locally: All sleeping on the streets.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, 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 Birth of John the Baptist– Sunday 21 June 2015
Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11; Acts 13.16-26; Luke 1.57-80

Dumb Dad and an over age Mum give birth to lone survivalist son; does not sound promising, other than God is at work here. The reading from Isaiah points to the idea that God is active long before we think, that is long before we were even capable of thought.

Pray with thanksgiving for God's work in your life as a youngster; for God's care and nurture of you as a child.

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: The Very Rev. John Roundhill, Dean of Bendigo

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21 June 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.

- ◇ Thursday 25 June: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 26 June : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 June: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 June: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 June: Cake and Book Stalls
- ◇ Saturday 4 July: Fellowship Dinners-6.30pm—various homes
- ◇ Sunday 12 July:- 7.30am—Sung Eucharist– Bishop Alison’s visit
- ◇ Sunday 12 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist– Bishop Alison’s visit.

JULY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Would you like to get to know your fellow parishioners better? Please join one of our Fellowship Dinners on Saturday 4th July. Start time is normally 6.30 for 7.00pm

In a Fellowship Dinner one parishioner offers their home as a venue and provides coffee, and possibly port, and the three others (single or couples) bring entrée, main course or dessert, and wine, beer or soft drinks as they prefer.

We hope to arrange several different venues, each catering for 6 – 8 people. If you would like to join in please put your name and email address or phone number on the list at the back of the church, with your preference of venue (number of seats and address), entrée, main or dessert.

Children’s Church:

This morning’s lesson is always a favourite with the kids. It is the story of David and Goliath. The older children will be acting out the story – but we promise that no one will be throwing any actual stones!

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 Wednesday, 15th July, 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 next Sunday 28th June . 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.

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. Next meeting Tuesday 14th July .

If you are interested, please contact the office on 3399 1508 or office@stjohnsbulimba.org or Peg Gladstone on 3217 9589.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2015

2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8.7-15

Mark 5.21-43

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
READERS	KAREN BLAND MARGARET O'KEARNEY	MICHAEL SMIT SARAH DAVIES
INTERCESSOR	ROBERT BLAND	BAPTISM
DOOR	MARGARET SALTER	Laurie Thomson MICHAEL SMIT
TEA / COFFEE	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	JOANNE WOOD
OFFERTORY COUNTER	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
FLOWERS	CAROLINE	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1221.55