

23 AUGUST 2015

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE THIRTEENTH 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

THURSDAY	27	9.30am	Mah-jong
FRIDAY	28	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	30	7.30am 9.00am 3.00-4.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Connect2Veterans—Maheno Rm

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:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6.63

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- TIS: 703, 519, 570, 427

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1ST READING: 1 KINGS 8.22-30

MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL SMIT

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

PSALM 84 (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
- 2. My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
3. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**
5. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**
7. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- 8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**
9. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
- 10. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**
11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- 12. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6.10-20

KAREN BLAND ANANDA RASHEL

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6. 56-69

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard this, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Date Claimer

Connect 2 Veterans Afternoon Tea:

Next Sunday 30th August 3.00-4.30pm in the Maheno Room

Transport can be organized if needed.

Contact Emma on 0407 384 470

Not just for Veterans, any shutins or elderly you know please invite them along.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- **San Diego - (IX, The Episcopal Church):** +James Mathes
- **The Diocese of Tasmania:** +John Harrower; Assistant Bishops +Chris Jones and +Ross Nicholson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Hendra-Clayfield: Iain Moore

Anglicare SQ TRACC Logan

State School Teachers

Locally: Those caring for the sick at home.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 23 August 2015

1 Kings 8.22-30; Psalm 84, Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

Both the writer of 1 Kings and the Psalmist focus today on God's house. How do you see your church? Is it a place where forgiveness is found? Is it a place where spending a day is better than spending a thousand elsewhere? Or is it a stained-glass fortress that exists to keep you safe from the wider community outside?

Give thanks for those churches that play an active part in their communities, and pray for those who have become a ghetto of irrelevance. May the latter find a way to take their place helping God to convert the world through love and care of the community.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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23 August 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 27 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◆ Friday 28 August : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◆ Sunday 30 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◆ Sunday 30 August: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◆ Sunday 30 August : 3.00-4.30pm—Connect2Veterans afternoon tea—Maheno Room

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

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.

What We Do

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on next Wednesday, 16th September, 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.

Cake & Book Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):

Our next cake and book stall is on today Sunday 23rd August . 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 8th September.

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

Children's Church:

Thank you to the children and teachers for last Sunday's morning tea. The food was delicious and the musical entertainment was fabulous!

This Sunday we are concluding our series of lessons from Ephesians. The younger children will learn how important it is to help each other in our church community. We will be putting our learning into action by helping each other to make a giant picture together.

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.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2015

Song of Songs 2.8-13

Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	JACQUELINE HANLON SUSAN ROWE	ROLAND SOWERBY SARAH DAVIES
READERS	ANN WINFIELD LINDA MITCHELL	ALEX TERVITT LOUISE TERVITT
INTERCESSOR	JACQUELINE HANLON	SARAH DAVIES
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE STUART WINFIELD	STEVE JONES DI JONES
TEA / COFFEE	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
OFFERTORY COUNTER	LIONEL ROWE SUSAN ROWE	SARAH DAVIES
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SANDRA/MICHAEL	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DOROTHY/ANDREA	
FLOWERS	ELAINE	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$881.70