

27 JULY 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE SEVENTH 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

WEDNESDAY	30	8.30am	Morning prayers with Sue
THURSDAY	31	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	1	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	3	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist

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:

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8. 38-39*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 601, 429, 602, 111

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: Grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this 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 29. 15-28

ANN WINFIELD TONY RIGBY

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

PSALM 105.1-11 (*Verses said alternately between the reader & congregation*)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
7. He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8. He is mindful of his covenant for ever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**
9. the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- 10. which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**
11. saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.'

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8.26-39

SUSAN ROWE JANINE HARTSHORN

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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SECOND READING (Continued)

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13. 44-58

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◇ **Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda:** ++Dr Onesphore Rwaje
- ◇ **The Diocese of Willochra:** +John Stead; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Lutwyche:** Sandra Kjellgren, Tom Hall
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Counselling Family Support Programs –Ipswich**

Locally: For all suffering mental illness, stress and anxiety.

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 27 July 2014

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

Jesus is indeed the master story teller as he weaves more images that tell us about the Kingdom of God, with three parables concerning wealth. Here we are reminded that the comfortable life, the seeking after wealth, is not where the Kingdom is to be found. It will be found in the small, the unloved, the unnoticed, in the midst of the brokenness of this world. But those closest to him still miss the point – they do not see, they do not hear. Jesus demands everything from us; not just a one off effort that is ephemeral, withering and dying in the poor soils, but commitment to the long haul. Question: How can we live in this world and yet give up everything and follow Christ in this day and age?

Pray for the oppressed and the marginalised, the poor and the unloved

Pray for the Philippines Independent Church, La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, 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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27 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 31 July : 9.30am—12 noon-Mah-jong with Barbara—Church
- * Friday 1 August : 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 3 August 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 3 August: 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.

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 today 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.

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

Childrens Church

In today's lesson, we continue to hear the story of Jacob. This morning's story is about Jacob meeting Rachel at the well. The younger children will be assembling their own 'happy face' snack!

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.

Men's Group

Let's get together for our next Men's Group at 9am on Saturday 16 August in the Maheno Room. We'll have a check in, S.O.A.P. study and discuss our MenALIVE Parish Weekend scheduled for March next year. This MenALIVE Parish Weekend is a really exciting opportunity for all men in our parish and all men in surrounding parishes from all denominations. It's a great chance to put St John's Bulimba at the forefront of innovative faith leadership for our part of the world.

Please bring a bible, pen and notepad on the 16th.

Please also let me know via text or email if you are able to join us.

Every blessing, *Daniel*.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2014

Genesis 32.22-31

Psalm 17.1-7,16

Romans 9.1-8

Matthew 14.13-21

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	MIKE O'KEARNEY MARGARET SALTER	SARAH DAVIES EILIS RIGBY
READERS	VANESSA HANLON GEORGINA GREENHILL	LINDA MITCHELL MICHAEL SMIT
INTERCESSOR	MIKE O'KEARNEY	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	MICHAEL SMIT ANANDA RASHEL
TEA / COFFEE	NITA COCHRANE LESLEY BOWERS	
OFFERTORY COUNTER	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY MEL RICHMOND
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	CAROLINE, SANDRA	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	KYLIE, SUE	
FLOWERS	BARBARA	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$ 1361.10