

27 SEPTEMBER 2015

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM— FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	31	9.30am	Mah-jong
FRIDAY	1	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	3	3.00	Pike/Pasfield Wedding
SUNDAY	4	7.30am 9.00am 2.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Down/Olsen Wedding

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:

Salt is good' but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. *Mark 9.50*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- MP: 486, 456, 702 ,59.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: Open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ESTHER 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22 KAREN BLAND MICHAEL SMIT

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. (continued over page)

FIRST READING (continued)

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

PSALM 124 (to be read alternately between reader and congregation)

1. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—
- 2. if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies at tacked us,**
3. then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4. then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**
5. then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 5.12-20

ANN WINFIELD ELAINE ADAMS

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. (continued over page)

SECOND READING: (continued)

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL: MARK 9. 38-50

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where the worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ♦ **Spokane - (IX, The Episcopal Church):** +James Waggoner
- ♦ **The Diocese of Willochra:** +John Stead; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of The Lakes Anglican Church: Daniel Berris,
Marion Bishop, Jane Norman, Jon Cornish, John Simpson
Anglicare SQ TRACC Roma

Locally: For those who work and travel on the ferries.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 27 September 2015 Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

There is a great danger in claiming that God is on your own side, but the Psalmist is claiming it in retrospect, having seen the hand of God in the events of Israelite history.

Pray for a spirit of wariness and suspicion when anyone claims that God is on their side, lest you should be led astray.

Pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he leads the worldwide Anglican Communion. Text: © Anglican Board of Mission, 2015

3 October 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 31 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◆ Friday 1 October : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◆ Saturday 3 October: 3.00pm—Pike/Pasfield Wedding
- ◆ Sunday 4 October: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◆ Sunday 4 October: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION

WHERE: MAHENO ROOM – DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

WHEN: TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

TIME: 12.00NOON (doors open 11.30am)

LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY PLAYING HOY

UNTIL THE RACE STARTS

**WATCHING THE RACE ON THE TV SCREEN, SWEEPS, RAFFLES,
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE,**

COST \$10 at the door

ALL WELCOME

Contact Church Office 3399 1508

Or office@stjohnsbulimba.org

Or Peg Gladstone 3217 9589 by October 13th

If insufficient numbers event may be cancelled

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.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is Wednesday, 21st October, 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 27th September . 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 Tuesday 13 October, 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. If you are interested, please contact the office on 3399 1508 or office@stjohnsbulimba.org or Peg Gladstone on 3217 9589.

Children's Church:

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. Children's Church is currently taking a break for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 11 October.

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2015

JOB 1.1;2.1-10

PSALM 26

HEBREWS 1.1-4;2.5-12

MARK 10.2-16

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ROLAND SOWERBY
READERS	JUNE PARKER LINDA MITCHELL	ALEX TERVITT LOUISE TERVITT
INTERCESSOR	JACQUELINE HANLON	SARAH DAVIES
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	ROY FAMILY
TEA / COFFEE	NITA COCKRANE JACQUELINE HANLON	BARBARA JOHNSTON
OFFERTORY COUNTER	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
FLOWERS	BARBARA JOHNSTON	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1024.35