

28 FEBRUARY 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Third Sunday in Lent

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	2	7.00pm	Bible Study— Coxen Room
THURSDAY	3	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	4	10.00am	World Day of Prayer Followed by Morning tea in the Maheno Room
SUNDAY	6	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

Welcome! We are glad you are with us!

Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

**Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for
your prayers in the week.**

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. *Isaiah 55.6*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 464, 685, 717, 690.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the fountain of life to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

1ST READING: ISAIAH 55.1-9

KAREN BLAND PAUL DAVIS

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63. 1-9 (verses to be said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**
3. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- 4. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**
5. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
- 6. when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**
7. for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- 8. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**
9. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

2ND READING :1 CORINTHIANS 10.1-13

SUSAN ROWE VERA DAVIS

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

On Sunday 14th February at the AGM the following people were elected by the parish onto council.

Tony Rigby, Annabelle Simpson, Michael Smit, Joanne Wood, Ann Winfield, Wendy Bastow.

The rector placed onto council. The following:

Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Peter Johnston, Dorothy Cameron

Parish council meets on the second Wednesday of each month except January. Would each councillor please let the rector know which portfolio they would like to maintain before the first meeting in March.

Youth
Church maintenance
Music
Art
Fund raising
Bookstall
Social events
Baptism follow-up

It will also be necessary to fill the position of Parish Council Secretary at the first meeting.

Fr John

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo:** +Kahwa Henri Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **Parish of St Lucia:** Michael Faragher, David Johnstone, Karol Misso, Hugh Begbie, Bill Crossman
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ Metro North Community Services**

Locally: For all suffering from mental illness and those who care for them.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Helen, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda.

(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 Third Sunday in Lent– Sunday 28 February 2016

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke

In a world so obsessed with commodity and goods, the reading from Isaiah really is refreshing, isn't it? It shows not only the 'immaterial' nature of material goods but it shows the echoes of the great gathering force of the love of God – a force that doesn't care in the slightest about the material status of the individual. This force is really summed up with Jesus's pronouncement about the children of Jerusalem, that he wishes to gather them under his wings. As we travel through Lent, let us put away our desires for worldly things and allow ourselves to be gathered.

Pray that our divisions based on material status might be overcome; and pray for those who are so weighed down by debilitating material concerns that they forget God.

Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

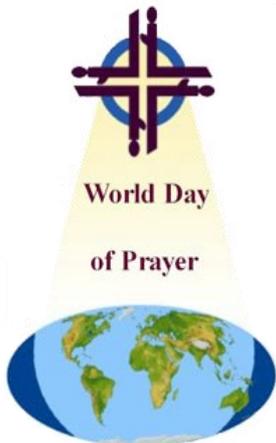
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28 February 2016 News & Coming Events for your Diary

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.

- ◇ Wednesday 2 March : 7.00pm—Bible Study—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 3 March : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 4 March : 10.00am—World Day of Prayer—Church, followed by
Morning Tea in the Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 6 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 6 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist



This year this service is being held at St. John the Baptist, Bulimba with a service commencing at 10.00am.

Morning tea will be served in the Maheno Room after the service so please join us afterwards.

Any members of the Parish who would like to bring a plate to help with the morning tea catering, please let one of the Guild know.

Access to toilets during Childrens' Church

Following a successful meeting of Children's Church teachers and helpers with Father John last Sunday it was felt that not all Parishioners were aware that they are not able to access the toilets or the kitchen through the Maheno Room doors while Children's Church is in progress. This is a requirement of the Safe Ministry Check to which we as a Parish must adhere.

If access to the toilets is needed during Children's Church please see the sides person on the door and they will give a key which opens the toilet at the very rear of the building.

Thank you

WHAT WE DO

Children's Church:

This morning, for something a little bit different, we will be focusing on the Psalm. Each Sunday during Lent, the older children will be learning about a spiritual practice and will be encouraged to take this practice up at home.

This week's spiritual practice is to try a different type of prayer.

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.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, there is no group meeting in January or February, they will meet again on 16 March 2016.

St. John's Guild:

Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. Please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets 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 . Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

Our next cake and book stalls will be on Saturday 19th March 2016 which is Election Day. As our Maheno Room is used for voting, we will have our stalls set up on the lawn. This is also the week before Easter so please keep this in mind when baking and decorating. Cards with the Easter Services are available to use on your goods to advise our service times for the Holy Week.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothers Sunday

Sunday 6 March 2016

Joshua 5.2-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Luke 5.11-32

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ROLAND SOWERBY
READERS	VANESSA HANLON RUTH SOUTHGATE	JOANNE WOOD LAURA BENTLEY
INTERCESSOR	LYNETTE McALLAN	MICHAEL SMIT
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	ROY FAMILY
TEA / COFFEE	NITA COCHRANE JACQUELINE HANLON	BARBARA JOHNSTON
OFFERTORY COUNTER	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA/SUE	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	CAROLINE/SHARON	
FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1534.75