

30 JULY 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	1	8.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Parish Council—Maheno Room
WEDNESDAY	2	8.30am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	3	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	4	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	6	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

***When the bell rings before a service -
please pause in silence
to say this prayer in your heart:***

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector: The Reverend John Milburn

Email: john.milburn@stjohnsbulimba.org **Mobile** 0415 838 239

Assistant Curate: The Reverend Jamee-Lee Callard: jamee@stjohnsbulimba.org
Mobile 0452 338 933

Church Address: 171 Oxford Street, Bulimba **Postal Address:** PO Box 271, Bulimba Qld 4171

Telephone: 3399 1508 **Email:** office@stjohnsbulimba.org
Website: www.stjohnsbulimba.org

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:** 211, 589, 568, 143.

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

Ruth Southgate Therese Rein

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 and 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

Linda Mitchell Tony Rigby

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? 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 13.31-33, 44-52**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' '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.'



Teen Church Term 3 2017

30th July – Session 1 today

13th August – Session 2

20th August – 'In Service' Service

3rd September – Session 3 & Outing

This term at 9am we will explore what it means to fight fear with faith & live as fearless disciples of Christ.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **Pennsylvania - (III, The Episcopal Church):** †Daniel Gutierrez
- ♦ **Pittsburgh - (III, The Episcopal Church):** †Dorsey W M McConnell
- ♦ **Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia**

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **Parish of Maroochydore:** Bob Davidson - Locum, Philip Robinson
- ♦ **Diocesan Services Commission:** Karen Crouch, Executive Director, staff & Commission members

Locally: for all emergency personnel.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Ethan, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 30 July 2017

Genesis 29. 15-28; Psalm 105.1-11; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

Each and every Christian baptised into the Body of Christ shares with Jesus in his kingly, priestly and prophetic nature, called to live out the divine life we share in communion with him.

The prophetic office therefore is not left only to our bishops and priests! Just as Jesus preached in his hometown, so too are we called to share in this ministry, breathing words of prophetic wisdom into our own communities. Jesus shares with his Church the privileged role of calling out injustice, challenging sin and the powers of evil where we see it in ourselves and in our community, and suffering persecution for Truth.

Pray that your life and the life of your parish may be transformed by the gift of sharing in the prophetic office of Christ.

Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Text: Jesse Poole

Saint Peter's, East Maitland, Diocese of Newcastle © Anglican Board of Mission, 2017

30 July 2017 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.
- ◇ Tuesday 1 August: 7.30pm—Parish Council –Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 3 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 4 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 6 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 6 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 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, scrunches, 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.

Pocket Prayer Book

We have some pocket prayer books available for sale at a cost of \$25 ea. They are a small version of "A Prayer Book for Australia" Full Edition Red Book which includes the Church's Lectionary, which is not in the Green Book we use on Sundays.

Great price for the full edition of "A Prayer Book for Australia" and easy to carry. Available from the back of the Church.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd August not 16th August (as this is the Ekka Public Holiday), at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 8th August in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Maheno Room. 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):

A big thank you to all who contributed to our cake and book stalls last Sunday. They raised \$1122.25 which goes to make up the shortfall in our weekly offerings. The next cake and book stalls are on Sunday 27th August.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new youth programme offered during School term time at St John's. Each term the teens are invited to participate in 3 sessions exploring the Bible and their faith as well as 'In Service' services at the 9am Family service. They engage in ministry tasks and liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme.

Little Children's Church:

At Little Children's Church we are continuing our series of lessons about Jacob. Today we will be acting out the story of Jacob meeting Rachel at the well. It is a cause for celebration! So we will be making some happy face snacks!!

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3-years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

Next Weeks Readings

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 6 August 2017

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	Michael O'Kearney Margaret Salter	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	Margaret Salter Susan Rowe	Joanne Wood Laura Bentley
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Christine Bevan	Barbara Johnston
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
TEEN CHURCH		
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lauren/Dorothy/Laura	
FLOWERS	Barbara	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1435.10

Yearly giving is \$ 11,699.25 under budget