

30 NOVEMBER 2014 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	2	10.30am	Guild last hoy for 2014 followed by light luncheon - in the Maheno Room
WEDNESDAY	3	8.15am	Morning prayers with Sue
FRIDAY	5	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	7	7.30am 9.00am 12 noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Pasetti/Marshall 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:

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

HYMNS: TIS: 273, 616, 265, 315

First Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of **HOPE.**

With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined."

-- Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

***Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope.
Amen.***

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever.

Amen

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80.1-7, 17-19 (verses will be said alternately with the reader & congregation)

1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- 2. before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**
3. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 4. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.**
7. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 17. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**
18. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
- 19. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1.1-9 JUNE PARKER LOUISE TERVITT

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL

MARK 13. 24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◇ **Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands):** +Nigel William Stock

- ◇ **Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia**

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove:** Tiffany Sparks, John Hammer, Kathy Hammer, Pam Hynd
- ◇ **Wolston Correctional Centre**

Locally: For all who are homeless and sleeping on the streets.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, Ellen, Adrienne, John.

(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 First Sunday of Advent

– Sunday 30 November 2014

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

Today marks the beginning of the season of waiting and watching for Christ's coming. According to Mark's Gospel, that coming will not be entirely pleasant. The injustice, the darkness, and the corruption of the world cannot stand in the presence of Christ, and so the world must be changed in the light of his coming. But through this intimidating thought shines the message of hope – hope for a redeemed world in which all things have been made new. And in the meantime, we can be certain that God 'will also strengthen [us] to the end'. (1 Cor. 1:8)

Pray that we may be strengthened to prepare for Christ's coming in our lives, our churches, and our communities.

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church in Hong Kong, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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30 November 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.

- ◇ Tuesday 2 December: 10.30am– Guild's last Hoy for 2014 followed by light luncheon—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 5 December: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Friday 5 December: 5.30pm—God, disability and the Church—Maheno Rm.
- ◇ Sunday 7 December: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 7 December: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 7 December: 12 noon—Pasetti/Marshall Wedding—Reception—Maheno Room

Children's Church:

At Children's Church this morning we will be learning a little about the Season of Advent. We will be talking about waiting, and how God's people in Babylon were waiting and praying because God seemed far away.

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.

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

Our next cake and book stalls are on today . This will be our last one for 2014 so bake up big and let's go out in style. It will have a Christmas Theme so please try and decorate your goods accordingly.

God, Disability and the Church

Start: 5.30pm

Friday 5 December 2014

Maheno Room, St John's Anglican Parish Bulimba

Join us as we share in some wine and cheese while engaging in an open forum to discuss how our faith, understanding of God and disability interact.

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th of December.

CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR SERVICES

December 24th Christmas Eve

6.00pm—Christingle Service, a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Very family orientated. (the children love it.)

11.30pm—Mid-night Eucharist

December 25th Christmas Day

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am—Family Eucharist

December 28th

8.30am- Eucharist

January 4th

8.30am- Eucharist

No Friday Eucharist until 9th January

CHILDREN'S CHURCH BREAK-UP PARTY

The Children's Church break-up party will be on

Sunday 14 December, at the 9am service.

We will have some fun and games during the usual Children's Church time.

After church we will celebrate with a special morning tea – could all Children's Church families please bring a plate to share.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014

ISAIAH 40.1-11
PSALM 85.1-2, 8-13
2 PETER 3.8-15A
MARK 1.1-8

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY MARGARET SALTER	SARAH DAVIES EILIS RIGBY
READERS	VANESSA HANLON ALLAN THOMSON	JANINE HARTSHORN TONY RIGBY
INTERCESSOR	JUNE PARKER	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	MICHAEL SMIT ANANDA RASHEL
TEA / COFFEE	NITA COCHRANE LESLEY BOWERS	WENDY BASTOW
OFFERTORY COUNTER	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY MEL RICHMOND
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA, MICHAEL	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LAUREN, SUE	
FLOWER ROSTER	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1250/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1023.50