

31 JANUARY 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	2	9.30am	Guild AGM followed by General Meeting—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	4	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	5	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	7	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:

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. *1 Corinthians 13.14*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP** : 857, 823, 449, 582

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Living God, in Christ you make all things new; transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: JEREMIAH 1.4-10

ANN WINFIELD MICHAEL SMIT

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

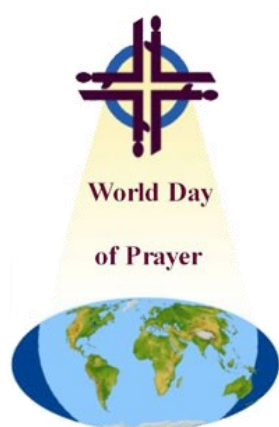
PSALM 71.1-6 (verses to be said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- 2. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**
3. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**
5. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- 6. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

2ND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 13. 1-13 SUSAN ROWE LINDA MITCHELL

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Jesus began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel

ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

This year the Service is at St. John's on Friday 4th March, starting at 10.00am followed by morning tea in the Maheno Room.

Please contact Peg Gladstone for any further information 3217 9589

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Anglican Church of Burundi:** +Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Maranoa District:** Steffan van Munster, Gerard Bahre
- ♦ **Cooloola Community Development Centre**

Locally: For new formation students their families and lecturers.

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

(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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany– Sunday 31 January 2016
Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 4.21-30

Sometimes the truth that God tells us through his word can be difficult for us to bear. Jesus told a difficult truth to the Jews in the Synagogue in his hometown. Deep within his message was the truth that God's love is for everyone and not just for the Jews – demonstrated by his acts of healing and mercy to gentiles in difficult times. Today we can rest assured that, as surely as God formed us in the womb and knew us, he has a love for us that breaks down all barriers.

Pray that God might break down the barriers of prejudice in our lives that we might show his love to all we meet.

Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

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31 January 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.

- ◇ Tuesday 2 February: 9.30am—Guild AGM followed by general meeting — Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 4 February : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 5 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 7 February : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 7 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 10.00am—Imposition of Ashes
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 7.00pm—Imposition of Ashes
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 7.30pm—Combined Bible Study/Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ◇ Wednesday 10 February : 8.00pm—Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ◇ Sunday 14th February: 10.00am -AGM -Maheno Room

Annual General Meeting:

Sunday 14th February, 2016 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. (You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

Reports for Annual General Meeting:

Reports for the Annual General Meeting are to be in before Friday 5th February so they can be distributed on Sunday 7th February prior to the AGM.

These reports can be emailed to the office :- office@stjohnsbulimba.org or handed to Father John, Sue Rowe and the sides persons.

WHAT WE DO

Children's Church:

Welcome back to Children's Church for 2016! We are looking forward to welcoming the children for another excellent year at Children's Church.

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:

The Guild AGM will be held in the Maheno Room on Tuesday 2nd February, at 9.30am and this will be followed by a General Meeting. The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, they would like some more participants, so 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 resumes Thursday morning 4th February 2016 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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2016

Exodus 34.29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ROLAND SOWERBY
READERS	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY VANESSA HANLON	JOANNE WOOD LAURA BENTLEY
INTERCESSOR	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	MICHAEL SMIT
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	ROY FAMILY
TEA / COFFEE	NITA COCHRANE JACQUELINE HANLON	BARBARA JOHNSTON
OFFERTORY COUNTER	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
FLOWERS		BARBARA JOHNSTON

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1700/Week; Last Week \$1045.70