

4 December 2016

Today's Services

The Second Sunday of Advent

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am— Family Eucharist

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	6	8.30am 10.30am 12.00pm	Morning prayers Guild Hoy—Maheno Room Guild Christmas lunch— Maheno Rm.
Wednesday	7	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning prayers Advent Study—Church
Thursday	8	8.30am 9.30am	Morning prayers Mah-jong—Church
Friday	9	10.00am	Eucharist
Christmas Giving Sunday	11	7.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Service Christmas Brunch—Maheno Room

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.

Feel free to stay after the service for a cuppa and a chat outside.
Please take this pew sheet home with you for your prayers in the week

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentence for the Day:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Hymns: 7.30am Eucharist:-**MP:** 210, 538, 563, 102.

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the candle of HOPE.

Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.

From the prophet Isaiah:

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

-- Isaiah 9:6-7

From the Gospel of John:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

-- John 14:27

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

The Collect for the Day:

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

Allan Thomson Michael Smit

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
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1st Reading: Isaiah 11. 1-10

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He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-21: (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**
3. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**
7. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 18. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**
19. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.
- 20. The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.**

2nd Reading: Romans 15. 4-13

Georgina Greenhill Brian Roy

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: : Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'



Christmas Brunch and Giving (11th December)

We will be having an early celebration of Christmas on Sunday 11th December. At both services, we are asking parishioners who would like to contribute, to bring non-perishable food items for those in need that can be placed under the Christmas tree during communion.

Suggestions: Either Christmas items or staples such as cereals, tea, biscuits, etc. We will donate these food items to families in need after the service.

Immediately following the 9am service all parishioners (from both services) are also invited to a Christmas brunch in the Maheno Room, to enjoy a light brunch and champagne as an early celebration of Christmas.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Karnataka North - (South India): †Ravikumar J. Niranjana

The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Sunnybank: Stephen Hooper, Brian Darbyshire, Ron Dyson

Anglicare SQ Sunshine Coast Community Services

Canterbury College: Head of College - Donna Anderson; Chaplain – Jonathan Cornish;

Chair of College Council - Jeff Thomas; members of College Council

Locally: All new ordained clergy.

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

(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)

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Pew Reflections: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Peace has many dimensions. It can refer to peace with self, each other, God, or with creation. The brokenness of relationships however can rob us of peace. Christian faith says that Jesus comes as the Prince of Peace, and he pronounces blessing for peacemakers. Advent anticipates God's masterplan of restoration for the world. What we cannot do for ourselves, God does for us. He sends his Son who will show us how to live and who will redeem creation. Peace may seem especially elusive at Christmas. Valerie Browning works in a remote part of Ethiopia and she paints a picture of clothes, donkeys and a pace of life which is far removed from the glitz and glamour of many western Christmases. She counts it as a privilege to live in a simple community where the daily currency is caring and sharing. Is this a pointer to peace?

Preparing:

1. Is there something you can do to be a peacemaker this Christmas?
2. How can we be serious about peace in this world without despairing?
3. Is it possible to experience peace in the midst of calamity? How?

4 December 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 6 December: 10.30am—Hoy—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 6 December: 11.55am—Drawing of Christmas Raffle followed by a light Lunch.
- ◇ Wednesday 7 November: 7.00pm—Advent Study 'Living in the Light'- Church
- ◇ Thursday 8 December : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 9 December: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 11 December: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist including Christmas Giving
- ◇ Sunday 11 December: 9.00am—Family Eucharist including Christmas Giving
- ◇ Sunday 11 December: 11.00am—Christmas Brunch—Maheno Room

4 Advent Bible Study sessions for the lead up to Christmas 2016.

'Living in the Light'

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

7th – 14th – 21st Dec.

All are welcome in Church, no need for previous study experience or consistent attendance.

Thank you from the Hobbs Family

It is with grateful hearts that we express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming support and generosity shown to us over the past 3 months during Renae's life threatening illness. During that period of turmoil we found great comfort in the knowledge that so many people were offering prayers of hope, sending messages of love and support and giving generously of their time and gifts. We as a family believe strongly that the power of that shared faith and prayer is what got us through and brought about Renae's miraculous recovery.

For our family this quote from Anne Frank speaks powerfully of the journey we've experienced and the challenges we have overcome. ***"Where there's hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again."*** Renae is progressing well in rehabilitation and we give thanks every day for her life.

We thank God for answering our prayers and we thank God for your love and support.

Our sincere appreciation,

The Hobbs Family.

WHAT WE DO

Little Children's Church

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.

Our story today is based on the reading from Isaiah and the children will be taking part as the crowd, listening enthusiastically to Isaiah's message of peace. We will be playing a simple follow-the-leader game, practising actions that show peace and love.

Little Children's Church Christmas party - Sunday 11 December

The Little Children's Church Christmas party will be happening on Sunday 11 December, during the 9am service. We will be having Christmas activities and games during our usual lesson time. After the service we will join in the parish Christmas brunch.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle is in recess until 15 February 2017.

St. John's Guild:

The next Guild function will be in the Maheno Room next Tuesday 6 December with Hoy starting at 10.30am, drawing of the Christmas Raffle at 11.55am followed by a light lunch at 12.00pm.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church. 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):

The next date of our cake and book stall will be our Christmas Stalls today Sunday 4th December. This will be our last for the year and will have a Christmas Theme.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11 December 2016

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalm 146;

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Peter Johnston Jacqueline Hanlon	Roland Sowerby Laura Bentley
READERS	Ann Winfield Susan Rowe	Tony Rigby Sarah Davies
INTERCESSOR	Michael O'Kearney	Judith Hancock
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob and Glenda Lee
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Church Brunch Maheno Room
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Dorothy Cameron June Parker	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Break-up Party	
FLOWERS	No flowers during Advent	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1421.95

A deficit of \$464.10