

5 FEBRUARY 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	7	9.30am 7.30pm	Guild AGM followed by short general Meeting—Maheno Rm Parish Council—Maheno Room
TUES, WED, THURS THURSDAY	9	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-Jong—Church
FRIDAY	10	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	12	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.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5.16*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 652, 582, 708, 31.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: **ISAIAH 58. 1-12**

Ruth Southgate Paul Davis

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. *(continued over)*

FIRST READING: (continued)

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalms 112: (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
3. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
5. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.**
7. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- 8. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
9. They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honour.
- 10. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2. 1-16

Linda Mitchell Vera Davis

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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SECOND READING: *(continued)*

And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5. 13-20

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Lomega - (Loryko, Sudan): †Paul Yugusuk

The Diocese of Bendigo: †Andrew Curnow; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Everton Park: Andrew Peters

Trinity Family Support Network

Coomera Anglican College: Principal - Mark Sly; Chaplain - Mary-Anne Rulfs;
Chair of School Council - Stephen Knott; members of College Council

Locally: For all affected by domestic violence.

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.

(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)

RIP: Patricia Adrian



The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany– Sunday 5 February 2017

Isaiah 58.1-9a, [9b-12]; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13, [14-16]; Matthew 5.13-20

In the Epistle reading, we see the power of humility. In humility, we reach all people and we can warm their hearts with the good news. St. Paul shows that in his weakness, fear and trembling (verse 3), God connected his spirit with the spirits of the Corinthians. There is power in enriching our emotional connection for in that our hearts will be weaved together for the sake of the gospel.

Pray that God will give us grace to humble ourselves as we bring the good news to the people. Pray that God will give us a new heart and put a new spirit in us; that he may remove from us the heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36.26).

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

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5 February 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 7 February 9.30am—Guild AGM—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 7 February : 7.30pm—Parish Council—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 9 February :9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 10 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 12 February : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 12 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Tuesday 14 February: 10.00am—Hoy and morning tea -Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 19th February: 10.00am -AGM –Maheno Room

Annual General Meeting:

Sunday 19th February, 2017 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.

Annual Reports:

Please have your annual reports to the office before 8th February 2017, so they can be distributed before the AGM. Reports can be emailed to the office on

WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your weekly givings are at the back of the Church. They start on 1st January 2017 and go through to Christmas Day 2017.

These are excellent for those who do not have direct giving set up, but wish to contribute to our ongoing ministry on a weekly basis, even if you are away.

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.

Today's lesson is the second in our series about the Sermon on the Mount. We will be thinking about some interesting questions, such as: what is salt? what if salt didn't share its flavour anymore? The children will be encouraged to share what makes them special.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 9.30 am.

St. John's Guild:

The Guild AGM will be held in the Maheno Room on Tuesday 7th February, at 9.30am and this will be followed by a General Meeting. More members are needed for the Guild, they provide Hoy once a month for the community and cater for funerals, and other functions held in the Maheno Room.

The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 14th February, 2017 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 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 26th February. The people manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Thank you.

Next Weeks Readings

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday 12 February 2017

Deuteronomy 10.12-22 or Sirach 15.15-20

Psalm 119.1-8

1 Corinthians 3.1-9

Matthew 5.21-37

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.30AM
L.A.'s	Peter Johnston Jacqueline Hanlon	Roland Sowerby Laura Bentley
READERS	Margaret Salter Susan Rowe	Jacqueline Chapman Tony Rigby
INTERCESSOR	Jacqueline Hanlon	Judith Hancock
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob and Glenda Lee
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Dorothy Cameron June Parker	
TEEN CHURCH	Caroline	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lauren/Dorothy	
FLOWERS	Elaine	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1866.60