

6 AUGUST 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| TUESDAY | 8 | 8.50am 10.00am | Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & Morning tea—Maheno Room |
| THURSDAY | 10 | 9.30am | Mah-jong—Maheno Room |
| FRIDAY | 11 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| SUNDAY | 13 | 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:

Faith by itself, not accompanied by action is dead. I will show you my faith by what I do.

James 2. 17-18

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 224, 611, 141, 598.

9.00am Eucharist: **As One Voice Bk 1.** 57, 74, 34, 188.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives: Give us discernment to hear your word, grace to relinquish our tasks, and courage to follow empty-handed wherever you may lead, so that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth.

Amen

1ST READING: GENESIS 32. 22-31

Margaret Salter Joanne Wood

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 17.1-7,15 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- 2. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**
3. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
- 4. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
5. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
- 6. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**
7. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 15. As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING: : ROMANS 9. 1-8

Susan Rowe Laura Bentley

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham’s children are his true descendants; but ‘It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.’ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14.13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

We welcome Peter Jeffery, 3rd year formation student as our guest preacher today.



Teen Church Term 3 2017

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: -

- ♦ **Puerto Rico - (XI, The Episcopal Church):** †Wilfrido Ramos Orench
- ♦ **The Diocese of Bendigo:** †Andrew Curnow; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Mundubbera-Eidsvold-Monto:** Jeff Balnaves
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ Residential & Foster & Kinship Care**
- ♦ **Fraser Coast Anglican College:** Principal - Leisa Harper;
Chaplain - Greg Loumeau; Chair of College Council - Jonathan Hensman;
members of College Council

Locally: For all who care for the sick and terminally ill in our hospitals and homes.

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 6 August 2017

Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 17.1-7, 15; Romans 9.1-8; Matthew 14.13-21

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a reminder for us that the work of God's transforming love is never done. Though the apostles had called for the immense crowds to return to the villages to buy food for themselves, Jesus instead works a miracle for his people.

Mother Teresa said 'He uses us to be his love and compassion in the world in spite of our weaknesses and frailties.' In this miracle Jesus does not produce food out of nowhere. He takes the little that the apostles have, and he multiplies it a thousand fold.'

We are reminded, in this retelling of the works of Jesus, that there is an extraordinary disproportion between what we give to God, and what Jesus can make of it.

Ask that Spirit of God will provide us the courage to seek his assistance in all that we do, and be freed from our own preoccupations to make time to serve God and his people with inexhaustible love. Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan.

Text: Jesse Poole

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6 August 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 8 August: 8.50am—Guild Meeting _ Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 8 August: 10.00am—Hoy & Morning Tea—Maheno Room—\$5
- ◇ Thursday 10 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 11 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 13 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 13 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 and 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 next 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 27th August. 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.

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. The theme for this morning is that God is with us in happy times, sad times, and all the time.

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 13 August 2017

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105.1-6, 16-22

Romans 10.4-15

Matthew 14.22-36

| ROSTERED DUTIES | 7.30AM | 9.00AM |
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| L.A.'s | Peter Johnston Susan Rowe | Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies |
| READERS | Allan Thomson Joy Kelly | Paul Davis Vera Davis |
| DOOR | Stuart Winfield Margaret Salter | Bob and Glenda Lee |
| TEA / COFFEE | Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson | Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow |
| OFFERTORY COUNTER | Dorothy Cameron June Parker | |
| TEEN CHURCH | | |
| LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Andrea/Michael Findlay | |
| FLOWERS | Dianne | |

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;
Last Week \$1224.45
Yearly giving is \$ 12,249.80 under budget**