

6 JULY 2014

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	8	8.50am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Rm.
		10.00am	Hoy—Morning tea- \$5
WEDNESDAY	9	8.15am	Morning prayers with Sue
		7.30pm	Parish Council—Coxen Room
THURSDAY	10	9.30am	Mahjong with Barbara—Church
FRIDAY	11	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	13	7.30am	Sung Eucharist
		9.00am	Family Eucharist

*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:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you res,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from m; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

*Matthew 11.28-29*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 626, 427, 131, 431

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**1ST READING: GENESIS 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67** KAREN BLAND SANDRA HANSON

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. (continued over page)

## **1ST READING** (continued)

Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## **PSALM 45.10-17** *(Verses said alternately between the reader & congregation)*

10. Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house,

**11. and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;**

12. the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people

**13. with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;**

14. in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

**15. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.**

16. In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

**17. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 7.14-25**

ALLAN THOMSOM BRIAN ROY

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

**GOSPEL****MATTHEW 11.15-19, 25-30**

Let anyone with ears listen!

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World:

- ◇ **The Church of Pakistan (United):** ++ Samuel Robert Azariah
- ◇ **The Diocese of Bendigo:** + Andrew Curnow, Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Gympie:** Andrew Cooper, Bruce Dorman, Kevin Lewis, Neville Jackson, Ann Shepperson
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Social Services Hub, Buranda**
- ◇ **Fraser Coast Anglican College:** Principal, Leisa Harper; Chaplain, Greg Loumeau; Chair of College Council, Jonathan Hensman; members of College Council

**Locally:** All those sleeping on the streets and parks.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Samantha, Steph, Bob, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, John, Sarah, Renata, Ellen.

*(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:-** Betty Curtis, Gladys Hurst



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 6 July 2014

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17;

Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19,25-30

Jesus commands us to listen as he paints a picture of daily life in Palestine telling his listeners that his deeds are misunderstood but 'wisdom will be vindicated by her deeds.' Read on and see what happens. In verses 20-24 which can be omitted from this reading, we see cities being chastised for their lack of gratefulness, their reluctance for their people to repent of their sins and the comparison with other more grateful cities. Failing to show our gratitude is such a human failing. But that does not excuse it. Verses 25-30 are captioned "Jesus Thanks His Father". How often do we forget to say thank you? So much can be packed into those two little words. Do we recognise the gifts God has given to us, or are we too weighed down with all that has gone wrong, all that is burdensome? Jesus invites us to give our burdens to him. If we do this then hopefully we should be able to see clearly. When we think of a yoke we think of a collar, a collar that is not easily removed. There is the everyday image of the donkey, yoked ready to pull a heavy load, but Jesus tells those that have come to him, that by following him they can make their burdens lighter because he will take the heavy load. As their shepherd he carries their burdens for them.

Questions: Using an old colloquialism, can I see the wood for the trees? Am I able to look past the obstacles in my life? Am I able get past them?

Pray for the ability to look at yourself honestly, to see yourself as Christ sees you.

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: Rosemary King, St Paul's Burwood, Sydney

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## 6 July 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 8 July—8.50am—Guild Meeting –Maheno Room
- \* Tuesday 8 July –10.00am—Holy and morning tea—\$5—Maheno Room
- \* Wednesday 9 July—7.30pm—Parish Council—Coxen Room
- \* Thursday 10 July : 9.30am—12 noon-Mah-jong with Barbara—Church
- \* Thursday 10 July : 7.00pm—Meditation with Ananda—Church
- \* Friday 11 July : 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Saturday 12 July: 9.30am—a morning with Matthew Ames—Maheno Room
- \* Sunday 13 July : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- \* Sunday 13 July : 9.30am—Family Eucharist



### MATTHEW IS BACK FOR A CHAT

Following his presentation to our parish Men's Group last year, Matthew Ames is back to share his amazing story with our whole parish community.

Matthew was 39 years old when what started as a sore throat resulted in the loss of all four of his limbs. He had contracted streptococcal resulting in toxic shock and was never expected to survive. Now more than a year later Matthew has beaten the odds, spurred on by the fact that he is the father of four young children aged between two and nine and husband of a very dedicated wife determined to grow old with him.

In a humble and grounded manner, Matthew shares his experience; the highs (yes, there have been many) and the lows; the role of his family and faith and how the term 'community' has taken on a whole new meaning since his illness.

#### **Please join us:-**

*Saturday 12 July at 9.30am in the Maheno Room,  
St John The Baptist Anglican Church, Bulimba.*

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

A big thank you to all who contributed to our "cake and book stall" last Sunday 29th June , despite the cold weather we raised a total of \$1385. The book stall took \$1000 and the cakes \$385. Well done to all who stood out in the cold selling.

Our next cake and book stall is on Sunday 27th July.

### **Knitting Circle**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. The rugs are then given to the residents of 'Georgina Home for the Aged' , Wynnum Road. The beanies are sent to the Seamen's Mission at the Port of Brisbane, and so far this year 134 beanies have been knitted. 30 tea towels have also been completed this year and these are sold at our Cake and book stalls, the proceeds of which go toward the upkeep of the Parish. Well done ladies! Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on Wednesday 16th July, at 9.30am

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is currently taking a break for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 20 July. Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service.

### **Skate Park Petition**

There is a letter from Councillor Shayne Sutton re the request for a Skate Park in the area, and a petition to sign should you wish to.

### **Admission to Communion:**

Those interested in "Admission to Communion" please give your name and contact details to the Rector.

# NEXT WEEKS READINGS

## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday 13 July 2014**

Genesis 25.19-34

Psalm 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	PETER JOHNSTON JACQUELINE HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
<b>READERS</b>	SUSAN ROWE JUDITH HANCOCK	NATALIE NASH SARAH DAVIES
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	ROBERT BLAND	
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE MARGARET SALTER	BOB AND GLENDA LEE
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	ANN WINFIELD ROSLYN THOMSON	
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	DOROTHY CAMERON JUNE PARKER	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	CAROLINE	

**WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1350/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$ 1027.25**