

6 SEPTEMBER 2015

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE FIFTEENTH 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 10.00am	Guild Meeting –Maheno Rm Hoy & Morning Tea- \$5 Maheno Rm—All Welcome
WEDNESDAY	9	7.30pm	Parish Council-Coxen Room
THURSDAY	10	9.30am	Mah-jong
FRIDAY	11	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	13	7.30am 9.00am 2.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Biggs/Davenport Wedding

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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

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2.13

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- MP: 50, 48, 396 ,187

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: PROVERBS 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23 MARG O'KEARNEY PAUL DAVIS

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

PSALM 125 (say all together)

1. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever
2. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and for evermore.
3. For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous may not stretch out their hands to do wrong.
4. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.
5. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

SECOND READING: : JAMES 2.1-10, 14-17

SUSAN ROWE VERA DAVIS

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL: MARK 7.24-37

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- **The Diocese of Sialkot - (Pakistan):** +Alwin Samuel
- **The Diocese of Bendigo:** +Andrew Curnow, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Kilcoy:** Jeanette Jamieson
- **Good Shepherd Op Shop**
- **Fraser Coast Anglican College:** Principal - Leisa Harper; Chaplain - Greg Loumeau; Chair of College Council - Jonathan Hensman; members of College Council

Locally: for all fathers, grand-fathers and great grand-fathers

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

(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: William Doughty



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 6 September 2015

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2.1-10, 14-17; Mark 7.24-37

Today the Psalmist describes those who have faith in God as being as stable as a mountain. Those who trust in God, who listen attentively for his voice have firmly grounded lives. But that isn't enough: as the Epistle writer warns us, 'faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead'.

Pray that you might not only believe but prove that belief by doing something concrete in Christ's name.

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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6 September 2015 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 September: 8.50am—Guild meeting—Maheno room
- ♦ Tuesday 8 September: 10.00am—Hoy and morning tea—\$5—Maheno Room
All welcome
- ♦ Wednesday 9 September: 7.30pm—Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ♦ Thursday 10 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ♦ Friday 11 September : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ♦ Sunday 13 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ♦ Sunday 13 August: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ♦ Sunday 13 August: 2.30pm—Biggs/Davenport wedding

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 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, scrunchies, 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.

What We Do

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meet every Thursday morning 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 on Thursday morning at 9.30am. Tea and coffee is supplied.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday, 16th September, at 9.30am. Come along and join this happy group, for knitting, fellowship and morning tea; bring your knitting, or come and learn. Morning tea is provided.

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

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

St. John's Guild:

The Guild meet on next Tuesday 8 September, at 8.50am in the Maheno Room, for their meeting. This is followed by a morning of Hoy starting at 10.00am at which morning tea is served. This dedicated group of ladies also do catering for Funerals and other small functions and would welcome any new members. Next meeting Tuesday 8th September.

If you are interested, please contact the office on 3399 1508 or office@stjohnsbulimba.org or Peg Gladstone on 3217 9589.

Children's Church:

The lessons for today and next Sunday are on the theme of Creation. Today's lesson is based on the creation story from Genesis. The focus is on how amazing, awesome, remarkable, terrific and fabulous God's creation is!

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

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

PROVERBS 1.20-33

PSALM 19

JAMES 2.18-26

MARK 8.27-38

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	PETER JOHNSTON JACQUELINE HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
READERS	GEORGINA GREENHILL RUTH SOUTHGATE	SARAH DAVIES LINDA MITCHELL
INTERCESSOR	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE MARGARET SALTER	BOB LEE GLENDA LEE
TEA / COFFEE	ANN WINFIELD ROSLYN THOMSON	JOANNE WOOD WENDY BASTOW
OFFERTORY COUNTER	DOROTHY CAMERON JUNE PARKER	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA/MICHAEL	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DOROTHY/KYLIE	
FLOWERS	BARBARA	

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1700/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$1123.45