

7 AUGUST 2016

TODAY'S SERVICES

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	9	8.50am 10.00am	Guild meeting-Maheno Room Hoy & morning tea-Maheno Room \$5 all welcome
TUESDAY	9	7.30pm	Parish Council—Coxen Room
WEDNESDAY	10	Ekka	Holiday
THURSDAY	11	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	12	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	14	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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.

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42,44

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:-**MP:** 167, 949, 269, 486.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 1.1,10-20

ANN WINFIELD JOANNE WOOD

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

PSALM 50.1-8,23-24 : (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER AND CONGREGATION)

1. The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
3. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- 4. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**
5. 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
- 6. The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**
7. 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.
- 8. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**
23. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.'

2ND READING: HEBREWS 11.1-3, 8-16 RUTH SOUTHGATE LAURA BENTLEY

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12. 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

BRIDGE TO BRISBANE FUN RUN

Stuart Winfield intends to do the 5km section of the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run on Sunday 28th August and invites sponsorship with proceeds to go to our "Organ Fund."

Although the organ has been restored and a great deal of the cost has been raised , a deficit remains.

On completion of his run, sponsorship donations can be paid to:- Stuart, Allan Thomson, Sue Rowe or Joanne Wood.

Sponsorship forms are at the back of the Church.

Please support Stuart in this event, and increase our "Organ Fund."

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ **PRAY for The Church of South India (United):** †Govada Dyvasirvadam Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Krishna-Godavari
- ◇ **The Diocese of Brisbane:** †Phillip Aspinall; Assistant Bishops: †Jonathan Holland, †Geoff Smith, †Alison Taylor, †Cameron Venables; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Zillmere:** Fang Ling Qusted, John Keyt, Michael Qusted
- ◇ **Prison Ministry:** Coordinator David Lunniss
- ◇ **Hillbrook Anglican School:** Principal - Geoff Newton; Chaplain - Sharon Baird; Chair of School Council – Robert Seljak; members of School Council

Locally: For all working with the homeless and shut-ins.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Helen, Pam D., Emma, Linda, Lucia, John W., Drew.

(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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 7 August 2016

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 (17-28); Luke 12.32-40

'Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.' Here the Hebrew prophet, Isaiah, is speaking the word of the Lord to God's people. This was what God desired – not burnt-offerings, incense, festivals and many prayers. It is the sincerity of the worshipper, not the number of religious activities that is important. The psalmist takes this up: 'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving: and to him who keeps to my way I will show the salvation of God'. A mindfulness and thanksgiving of what we receive as children of God and inheritors of God's kingdom, leads us to reach out to those in need in whatever way we can and wherever we meet them. Jesus suggests 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit'.

Pray to continue having a strong Christian faith that will strengthen us to 'do good'.

Give thanks for Nungalinya College in Darwin, remembering especially the students who study there.

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7 August 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 9 August : 8.50am—Guild Meeting—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 9 August: 10.00am—Hoy and morning tea—Maheno Room- \$5
- ◇ Tuesday 9 August: 7.30pm—Parish Council—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 11 August : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 12 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 14 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 14 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 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

Children's Church:

This morning the older children will be invited to share stories they have heard about their grandparents or great-grandparents. These stories help them understand their families and themselves. This will help the group to think about how stories of faithful people are important to the church. This discussion is the lead-in to today's story of Sarah and Abraham.

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

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Year 2, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 17th August at 9.30 am.

St. John's Guild:

Guild meeting will be on next Tuesday 9th August at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. Please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play. Cost of Hoy is only \$5.

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 28th August, 2016. 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2016

Isaiah 5. 1-7
Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11. 29-12.2
Luke 12.49-59

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	PETER JOHNSTON JACQUELINE HANLON	SARAH DAVIES LAURA BENTLEY
READERS	MARGARET O'KEARNEY VANESSA HANLON	JUDITH HANCOCK LINDA MITCHELL
INTERCESSOR	ROSLYN THOMSON	SARAH DAVIES
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE MARGARET SALTER	STEVE JONES JUDITH HANCOCK
TEA / COFFEE	ANN WINFIELD ROSLYN THOMSON	JOANNE WOOD WENDY BASTOW
OFFERTORY	DOROTHY CAMERON	
COUNTER	JUNE PARKER	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN STAY IN CHURCH	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	KYLIE/WENDY	
FLOWERS	DIANNE	