

7 DECEMBER 2014 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SECONDSUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM— SONG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	9	11.00am	Last Guild Meeting for 2014- Maheno Room
WEDNESDAY	10	7.30pm	Parish Council—Coxen Room
FRIDAY	12	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	14	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist 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:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

HYMNS: TIS: 158, 264, 271, 578

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the candle of **HOPE**.

Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of **PEACE**.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.

From the prophet Isaiah:

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

-- Isaiah 9:6-7

From the Gospel of John:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

-- John 14:27

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40: 1-11 VANESSA HANLON JANINE HARTSHORN

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM 85.1-2, 8-13 (verses will be said alternately with the reader & congregation)

1. Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**
8. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- 9. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.** *(continued over page)*

PSALM (*continued*)

10. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

12. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3.8-15A ALLAN THOMSON TONY RIGBY

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

GOSPEL

MARK 1. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ◇ **The Diocese of Kinkiizi - (Uganda):** +Dan Zoreka
- ◇ **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 Kilcoy:** Jeanette Jamieson
- ◇ **Bundaberg Hospital Ministry**
- ◇ **Hillbrook Anglican School:** Principal - Geoff Newton; Chaplain - Sharon Baird; Chair of School Council; Grahme Whiting; members of School Council

Locally: For all who were ordained at the Cathedral yesterday

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Sandy, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, Ken, Ellen, Adrienne, John.

(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 Second Sunday of Advent

– Sunday 7 December 2014

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 ; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

Today is our first of two encounters with John the Baptizer this season. His is a figure that has become almost routine to us in its strangeness. Yet his message is not routine at all: while wearing camel's hair clothing and eating locusts, he yells at us that someone is coming who will baptize us with fire. But this, we must remember, is the 'beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ' (1.1) – and the gospel of Jesus is so remarkable and contrary to expectations that it must be announced by a wild, uncommon figure.

Pray that God will open our eyes to all the people through whom the gospel is being revealed to us - people who are very like us, and people who are very different.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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7 December 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 9 December: 11.00am—Last Guild meeting for 2014 —Maheno Room
- ◇ Parish Council—7.30pm—Coxen Room
- ◇ Friday 12 December: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 14 December: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 14 December: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

Children's Church:

This morning the Little Children's Church (up to 5 years) will be staying in church – there will be some activities available at the back of the church. The older children will be learning some more about the Season of Advent. The story is based on Isaiah and is about God's promises. The children will be making some Christmas decorations with the message 'God's love and care can change the world'.

If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH BREAK-UP PARTY

The Children's Church break-up party will be on

Sunday 14 December, at the 9am service.

We will have some fun and games during the usual Children's Church time.

After church we will celebrate with a special morning tea – could all Children's Church families please bring a plate to share.

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

A big thank you to all who contributed to our Cake and Book stalls last Sunday, they raised a total of \$1290.10: Cakes- \$788.10, Books—\$502. These were the last stalls for this year, we will commence in February 2015.

Advanced Notice of 2015 Annual General Meeting:

The 2015 AGM will be held at 10.00am February 15th in the Maheno Room.

All reports are required by the 4th February 2015.

The future of the Parish urgently needs motivated people to stand on Parish Council. Please pray that people will come forward to help our Church develop more mission opportunities in 2015.

Christmas Bowl Appeal:

Envelopes for this appeal are in today's pew bulletin. This year monies raised go to help rebuild lives of those in under privileged countries. Please consider you gift prayerfully and return the envelope by December 21st.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24th Christmas Eve

6.00pm—Christingle Service, a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus.
Very family orientated. (the children love it.)

11.30pm—Mid-night Eucharist

December 25th Christmas Day

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am—Family Eucharist

December 28th

8.30am- Eucharist

January 4th

8.30am- Eucharist

No Friday Eucharist until 9th January

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

John 1.6-8, 19-28

ROSTERED DUTIES

7.30AM

9.00AM

L.A.'S

PETER JOHNSTON
SUSAN ROWE

ROLAND SOWERBY
LAURA BENTLEY

READERS

ANN WINFIELD
LINDA MITCHELL

SARAH DAVIES
SANDRA HANSEN

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

BREAK UP PARTY

LITTLE CHILDREN'S

BREAK UP PARTY

CHURCH

FLOWER ROSTER

NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT

WEEKLY GIVING : BUDGET \$1250/WEEK; LAST WEEK \$921.60