

8 JANUARY 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8.30AM—EUCHARIST

EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

FRIDAY	13	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	15	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:

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.17

HYMNS: 8.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 526, 250, 252, 454.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: ISAIAH 42. 1-9

Sarah Davies

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29 (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.**
3. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
7. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
9. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
- 10. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**
11. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

2ND READING ACTS 10. 34-43

June Parker

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL MATTHEW 3.13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'



The Baptism of our Lord– Sunday 8 January 2017

Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

In the Gospel reading we are given an opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Christ the Messiah. He was baptized by John in the River Jordan to show us that Jesus appreciated his humanity – the essence of incarnation. This points to us that God chooses to use the ordinary to perform the extraordinary. The most important thing is to yield to the will of God for his grace to flow. John wanted to refuse to baptize Jesus because he (John) thought he was not qualified to do so from his human standpoint but when he submitted to the will of God, he did this ministry of baptizing Jesus in the River Jordan, the ordinary river. Many times we feel we are not worthy of doing a given assignment in the Church because we are entangled by our past. God is calling us to surrender our limitations and our imperfections to him and invite him to use us as he will. The baptism of Jesus also should remind us to renew our baptismal vows as we renew our faith.

Let us pray for the ministers of the Word both lay and ordained that they shall avail themselves to be used of God as did John without exalting their limitations and challenges in life. Lord sanctify your servants and renew their commitment to your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

Bishop of Kapsabet, Anglican Church of Kenya

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Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Kuching - (South East Asia): †Bolly Lapok

Assistant Bishop of Kuching - (South East Asia): †Solomon Cheong Sung Voon

The Diocese of Bunbury: †Allan Ewing, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

Parish of Bramble Bay: Howard Smith, John Clarkson

Anglican Men's Society

Matthew Flinders Anglican College: Principal –Stuart Meade; Chair of College Council – Evan Gilbert; Chaplain – Lizzie Gaitskell; members of College Council

Locally: All who live and work on Oxford Street. Bulimba

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.

(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)

WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your weekly givings are at the back of the Church. They start on 1st January 2017 and go through to Christmas Day 2017.

These are excellent for those who do not have direct giving set up, but wish to contribute to our ongoing ministry on a weekly basis, even if you are away.

8 January 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.

- ◇ Friday 13 January : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 15 January : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 15 January : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19th February: 10.00am -AGM –Maheno Room

Annual General Meeting:

Sunday 19th February, 2017 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. (You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) .Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ANGLICAN CHURCH BULIMBA

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2017

Iwho am a Member of the Parish of St John the Baptist hereby
nominate.....

who is a regular communicant of St John the Baptist Anglican Church and whose
name is on the Parish Roll, for the position of

NOMINATOR’S

Signature.....

SECONDED by.....

Iam willing to be nominated for Parish
Council in 2017, to attend meetings as required and to serve as
.....

Nominee’s Signature.....DATE.....

THE 2016 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAHENO ROOM

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017

(Following the 9:00am Service)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St John the Baptist Anglican Church Bulimba will be held on Sunday 19 February 2017 in the Maheno Room following the 9:00am Family Service. All Positions are hereby declared vacant.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS in the MAHENO ROOM on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Those elected to Parish Council are expected to attend each Meeting.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN (2)

A third Churchwarden is appointed by the Rector

PARISH COUNCILLOR

If you would like to nominate for one of the above positions please complete the **NOMINATION FORM** opposite and return it to the **CHURCH OFFICE** before **14 FEBRUARY**.

ALL THOSE NOMINATING MUST BE ON THE PARISH ROLL.

If you are not on the Parish Roll and would like to nominate them Forms for Membership of the Parish are available from the table at the rear of the Church or from the Parish Office.

Next Weeks Readings

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday 15 January 2017

Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-14
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.30AM
L.A.'s	Robert Bland Vanessa Hanlon	Howard Greaver Sarah Davies
READERS	Margaret Salter Linda Mitchell	Tony Rigby Michael Smit (Ruby)
INTERCESSOR	Roslyn Thomson	Roland Sowerby
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Judith Hancock
TEA / COFFEE	Dorothy Cameron	Bjorn and Lauren Holdt
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
TEEN CHURCH	School Holidays	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays	
FLOWERS		

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$889.00

A deficit of \$861.00