

1 DECEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	3	10.30am 12.00noon 7.30pm	Guild Hoy—Maheno Room Guild Light lunch— Maheno Room Parish Council—Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5	9.30am	Mahjong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8	7.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Carols on the lawn

**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:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2.3a*

**HYMNS: 7.30 :TIS:** 577, 548, 452, 315.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 2. 1-5.

ALLAN THOMSON ROLAND SOWERBY

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**PSALM 122.** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'
2. **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
3. Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**PSALM 122.** *(continued)*

**4. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

5. For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

**6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.**

7. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

**8. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'**

9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**2ND READING: ROMANS 13. 9-14**

VANESSA HANLON TONY RIGBY

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24. 36-44.**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## **Food Donation for Giving Tree**

We are collecting non-perishable food (no fresh food please) for donation to the Goodna Parish to help those in need in their Parish this Christmas:

Please leave your donations of groceries and toiletries under the Christmas tree in church by Sunday 15th December so Father Lindsay can deliver them in time for pre-Christmas distribution.

They have 500 needy families in their parish.

## **Last day for donations Sunday 15th December**

### **SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST**

The Parish Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies, are continuing the discernment process to identify and appoint a new Rector for our Parish. We are not permitted to discuss the progress of our investigations, or the names which we are considering but be assured that we are seeking a Rector who will be a good fit for our Parish; someone who will lead, nurture and grow our congregation and our mission. As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime Father Lindsay Howie will be our locum and will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators. In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

### **Prayer for our New Rector**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ⇒ Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion
- ⇒ The Diocese of Duk and the ongoing work of peace-making in South Sudan: †Daniel Deng Abot
- ⇒ The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate †Philip Freier; The General Secretary – Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee

#### In The Diocese:

- ⇒ The Parish of Texas-Inglewood: Kay Hart – Locum
- ⇒ Anglicare Australia: Kasy Chambers & staff
- ⇒ Anglican Schools Office, Church House: Executive Director – Sherril Molloy & staff

**Locally.** We pray for local people in hardship and facing a lean Christmas; we thank you for local charities and individuals who reach out in compassion. We pray for the Parish of Goodna and their welfare programme.

**Pray for The Sick:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth.

*(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)*

### IN MEMORY, DECEMBER 1– DECEMBER 8

**PETER WALLACE, 2013; KEN FENTON, 2013; JOHN TREDWEN, 2006;**

**STANLEY SIEBUHR, 2014.**

#### Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions

The First Sunday of Advent– Sunday 1 December 2019  
Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Keep awake ... you must be ready: as we begin the Western Church Year we are exhorted to take things seriously by being alert and vigilant. How can we prepare ourselves? By finding ways to be closer to Jesus: in prayer, in reading the Scriptures, in serving others.

Give thanks that we have time to prepare ourselves this Advent: before Jesus is present as a baby at Christmas, before Jesus is present in bread and wine, before Jesus is present as Judge of the world.

Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Missioner

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*St. John's Bulimba*  
Christmas Craft Fair  
**TODAY**

**Sunday 1st December 2-6pm**

Ideal place to buy some unique Christmas gifts

**HOMEMADE CAKE**

**LOTS OF LOVELY CRAFTS**

**GINGERBREAD**

*Carols on the Church lawn*

*Sunday 8th December*

*Starting at 6.30pm*

**CHRISTMAS JANUARY 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 29th***

**8.30am**— Combined Parish Eucharist

***January 5th***

**8.30am**— Combined Parish Eucharist

***No Friday Eucharist on 27th December or 3rd January***

***January 12th***

**7.30am** – Sung Eucharist

**9.00am** –Family Eucharist

## WHAT WE DO

### **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. 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; this group resumes in March 2020.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The Guild Christmas Lunch is on December 3rd in the Maheno Room. Hoy will start at 10.30am followed by a light lunch at 12noon. All who have supported this fellowship during the years are invited to celebrate with the Guild.

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

Next stall is on today Sunday 1st December, in the morning and in conjunction with the Christmas Craft Fair. This will be our Christmas Cake Stall so donations of Christmas goodies such as small Christmas Cakes, Christmas puddings, mince pies, jams and sweets are popular. And please come along and buy.

### **Mah-jong Group:**

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied. The group's last meeting for the year and Christmas Party will be on 12th December.

### **Little Children's Church:**

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am service. We have stories and activities for children aged 3 years to Year 2, and younger children are also very welcome to attend with a parent. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.



*Have spare old spectacles and don't know what to do with them?*

*Spare pairs of spectacles, in their case if possible, will be collected  
(a basket in church under the small table at the back)  
and taken to the Philippines.*

*Caroline, Samuel and Lydia will be going on 7th January 2020 and will  
take any donations with them.*

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 8 December 2019

Isaiah 11.1-10  
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21  
Romans 15.4-13  
Matthew 3.1-12

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.S</b>	Peter Johnston Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
<b>READERS</b>	Ann Winfield Peter Johnston	Therese Rein Michael Smit
<b>INTERCESSORS</b>	Peter Johnston	Tony Rigby
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Lisa Hooper Alex Russell
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Bob Lee Glenda Lee	Romani Family
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No flowers in Advent	

### **WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy.

You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list.

You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer.  
We hope you will join us for coffee after the service.

The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.

**Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.**