

1 OCTOBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	3	7.30pm	Parish Council—Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7	10.00am	<i>Bulimba Festival Cake and Book Stalls on the lawn</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8	7.30am 9.00am 3.00-4.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Connect2Veterans—Maheno Room

**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.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6.1a, 2b*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 168, 546, 609, 129.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: EXODUS 17. 1-17

Ruth Southgate Paul Davis

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

**PSALM 78.1-4, 11-16** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**
3. things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
- 4. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**
11. They forgot what he had done, and the miracles that he had shown them.
- 12. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**
13. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
- 14. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.**
15. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- 16. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

**2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2. 1-13**

Ann Winfield Vera Davis

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21.23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### ***Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer***

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World: -*

- ◇ **The Diocese of Southern Philippines - (Philippines):** †Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante
- ◇ **The Diocese of Duk and the critical work of reconciliation 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 Auchenflower-Milton:** Penny Jones, Iltyd Loveluck
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ St John's Residential Aged Care Facility**
- ◇ **Anglican Schools Office:** Executive Director – Sherril Molloy

**Locally:** For all living and working on Oxford St. Bulimba

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

*(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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 1 October 2017

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2.1-13 [14-30]; Matthew 21.23-32

The Chief Priests and the elders had an inflated sense of self-importance, believing they were the authority; and they had to protect God and the Law. They ended up fighting against the Son of God, who was doing new and unexpected things in their midst. Those in positions of church leadership, and indeed all of us need to learn from this – lest we fail to follow people we reject, our equivalent of tax-collectors and prostitutes, into the Kingdom of God.

Pray for stillness, to be open to God's Spirit at work in the most unexpected ways in our community.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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## 1 October 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Thursday 28 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 29 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 30 September: 9.00am—GFS World Day of Prayer—Church—Maheno
- ◇ Sunday 1 October: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 1 October: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ **Saturday 7 October: 10am –9.00pm—Bulimba Festival**
- ◇ Sunday 8 October: 3.00pm—4.39pm—Connect 2 Veterans—Maheno Room

### **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.

**October is the last month to do a shoe box or supply some items.**

## WHAT WE DO

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 18th October at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday 10th October in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy.

A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

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

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Maheno Room. 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):**

The Bulimba Festival will be held on Saturday, 7th October and we will be having the cake stall and books on this day (instead of the usual Sunday). Please put this date in your diary and get ready to bake. This will be a great opportunity as a parish to meet the community and sell some cakes and books! There will be a roster up the back of the church, please donate some of your time to help on a stall.

### **Teen Church:**

Teen Church is an exciting new youth programme offered during School term time at St John's. Each term the teens are invited to participate in 3 sessions exploring the Bible and their faith as well as 'In Service' services at the 9am Family service. They engage in ministry tasks and liturgical roles in the 'In Service' services which encourage their growth as Anglicans serving the community. Occasional group outings and fundraising events also form part of the Teen Church programme.

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

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 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.

## Next Weeks Readings

### The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday 8 October 2017**

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20;

Psalm 19;

Philippians 3 or Philippians 3.4b-14;

Matthew 21.33-46

<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>	Peter Johnston Margaret O'Kearney	Therese Rein Roland Sowerby
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob Lee Glenda Lee
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	June Parker Pam Ganly	
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>		
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>		
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Caroline

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;**

**Last Week \$1,255.70**

**Yearly giving is \$16,172.60 under budget**