

1 SEPTEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	5	9.30am	Mah-jong-Church
FRIDAY	6	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	8	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:

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 14.11

HYMNS: 7.30 MP: 167, 949, 269, 604.

9.00 MP: 467, 486, 50, 1003

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: JEREMIAH 2. 4-13

ALLAN THOMSON ROLAND SOWERBY

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves,

PSALM 81. 1,10-16: (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

10. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

11. 'But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

12. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

13. O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

14. Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

15. Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last for ever.

16. I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

2ND READING: HEBREWS 13.1-8,15-16

ANN WINFIELD TONY RIGBY

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14. 1, 7-14.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John's. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work has begun. Please see the information leaflet which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest .

As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and 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, a "locum" or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Father Lindsay Howie, who will conduct the regular Friday and Sunday services as usual. He 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 (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). 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

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan:** †Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ⇒ **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 Chermside:** Daniel Paulraj, Jim Nolan, Gay Nye, Canon Don Edwards, Brian Hanley
- ⇒ **Society of the Sacred Advent**
- ⇒ **Anglican Schools Office,** Church House: Executive Director – Sherril Molloy & staff

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Locally. For all fathers, grand-fathers and great grand-fathers, and for step-fathers.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Dawn, 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, SEPTEMBER 1-7

Joy Powell, 1993; Gladys Mary Williams, 2001; Viola Mary Todkill, 2011.

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 Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573 if you wish to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many of you faithfully pack a shoebox for children overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are collected in October, and Samaritan's Purse co-ordinates their delivery at Christmas to children in developing countries who would otherwise not hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting shoeboxes, and items to go in them, at the back of the church to take to collections centre. If you cannot fill a box please donate suitable items to go in a box. Suitable things to go in a box are something to wear, something to love (soft toy etc), something for school (pencil case with pencils, crayons, sharpener etc), a toy or game to play with; hygiene items such as toothbrushes and comb, and something special (stickers, sunglasses, hair clips). Please do not include anything war or violence related, any food items such as sweets, anything breakable or anything which might leak such as toothpaste. Please go to the website to register and pay for your box delivery (\$10 per box) and to print labels for boy/girl and age group.

Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions



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Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1, 10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1 (2-6) 7-14

'Let mutual love continue,' today's passage from Hebrews begins, but we are then called to go further. The writer concludes with, 'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.' The implication is that such help is to be sacrificial and open-ended – those we help may be able to return the favour in some way, or they may not. Jesus in the Gospel calls us to practise the same generosity towards those who cannot repay us that God shows towards us – we can't repay God, above all for what he has done for us through Jesus.

Give thanks for Jesus, 'the same yesterday and today and for ever', and pray that you will be filled with his Spirit of love and generosity.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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; the next one is on Wednesday 18th September, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 10th September in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 22nd September. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall. The stall last Sunday raised \$636.30.

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.

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.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

Philemon 1-25

Luke 14.25-35

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Peter Johnston Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Peter Johnston Ruth Southgate	Sarah Davies Michael Smit
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob & Glenda Lee Lisa Hooper
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Romani Family
FLOWERS	Dianne	

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.