

11 AUGUST 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SONG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	13	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & Morning Tea—Maheno Rm. \$5 All Welcome
THURSDAY	15	9.30am	Mah-jong— Church
FRIDAY	16	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	18	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:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

HYMNS: 7.30 MP: 187, 590, 59, 496.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 1. 1, 10-20

DON HANN SARAH DAVIES

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

PSALM 50.1-8, 23-24: (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
 - 2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
 3. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
 - 4. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**
 5. 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
 - 6. The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**
 7. 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.
 - 8. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**
23. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.'

2ND READING: HEBREWS 11.1-3, 8-16

RUTH SOUTHGATE MICHAEL SMIT

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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: -

- ⇒ **The united Church of South India:** †Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Gippsland:** †Richard Treloar, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Banyo:** Stephen Briggs, Anthony Hallin
- ⇒ **Ministry with the Medical Fraternity**
- ⇒ **St Hilda's School, Southport:** Head of School – Julie Wilson-Reynolds; Chaplain – Patrick Duckworth; Chair of School Council – Susan Brandis; members of School Council; staff & students

Locally. We pray for those working in our local community; shops, restaurants, businesses and local services. We thank you for their service to us, their welcome to us and labour.

Pray for The Sick: Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew, Joseph.

(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, AUGUST 11-17

BRIAN PERCY PHILLIPS, 1998; KENNETH ALEXANDER TODKILL, 1952;

RHELMA LARA RICHARDSON, 1999; LESLIE KARAYAN, 2013.

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.

SOCIAL CLUB—COFFEE, CAKE AND HISTORY EVENING

Our next Social Club event is on Friday 30th August and is an evening of Cake, Coffee (and tea) and a talk by Russell and Robert Turner on the history of our church building and parish. Russell and Robert wrote a history of the church many years ago and have continued to collect stories and photos.

Tickets will be \$10 each, on sale in church on Sunday August 11, 18 and 25. The evening will begin at 7.30 pm. We will be delighted to arrange a lift for anyone who prefers not to drive at night.

Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions



Pentecost 9— Sunday 11 August

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 ; Luke 12.32-40

Genuine faith in God shows itself in actions as all today's readings suggest - like Helping people in their needs and (like Abraham) following through on what we understand God wants us to do in our lives. When we centre our lives on God as our 'master', and seek to live by that faith in generous love towards others in their needs, 'it is (our) Father's good pleasure to give (us) the kingdom' – to enjoy life in relationship with God now, and on beyond the grave.

Pray that you will always be mindful that you are accountable to God for all your actions and how you use your resources.

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

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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 21st August, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 13th August 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 25th August. 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.

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.

This term, Teen Church will be looking at Teenagers in the Bible, starting with Ruth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

Luke 12.49-59

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies
READERS	Susan Rowe Linda Mitchell	Teen Church
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Jenny Franklin
TEA / COFFEE	Anne Thurecht Peter Thurecht	Children's Church Bjorn & Lauren Holdt
FLOWERS	Caroline	

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.