

Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Sunday 25th June

Patronal Day Celebrations

8:30am Whole Parish Eucharist

10am Parish Brunch

Bring a plate of **sweet or savoury** food to share

BYO drinks

Sign up sheet at the rear of the church

Please RSVP by **Sunday 18th June**



GOODIES FOR GOODNA

Goodna parish has updated what they need to best support their local community, so please see if you can donate some of the following items:

Shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, tissues, kids snacks, UHT milk, or money to purchase eggs on the day the goods are delivered to Goodna. Please **do not** donate the eggs themselves as donations are delivered monthly.



CAKE STALL NEXT SUNDAY THE 18TH!

Our famous cake stall will be next Sunday as we will be having our Patronal Festival on Sunday 25th June for our Patron saint, St John the Baptist, to commemorate his birth. So please cook as many cakes and sweets this week as you can for this important fundraising ministry. It is so greatly appreciated! Thankyou!

11th June 2023

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

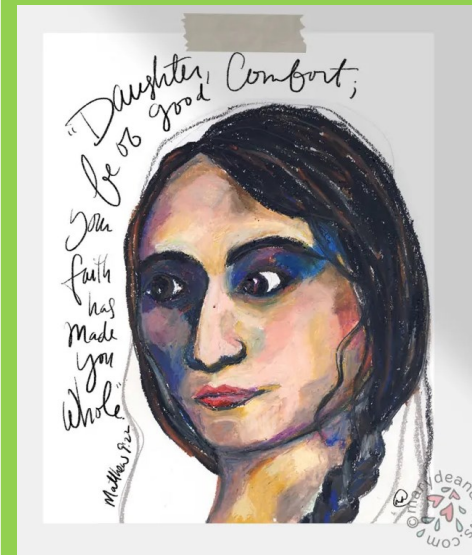
7.30AM—EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH

IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



THE BLEEDING WOMAN—BY MARY DEAN

I am the bleeding woman
my body a brittle wineskin
leaking joy
my purse exhausted
by the fruitless help
of healers

I have longed for
release from hope
heart sick with its delay
to despair fully
tempts me
and yet I hold

twelve years has weakness
imprisoned me
my boundaries
drawn unpleasantly
in law and blood
shadowed and untouched

an urgent crowd
now rushes Jesus to a fading daughter
her 12 years blooming and beloved
to my 12 shrinking and stained
but like a shock
hope shoots through me

with all that remains of faith
like a weary green tendril
winding through rock
I reach from shadow
for His blue cloak tassel
bouncing in the light

at once He stops
turns back
searching for my face
streaked with terror
that even the shadows
can't disguise

“Daughter, be of good comfort;
your faith has made you whole.”

He praises
my mustard seed faith
shocking
that a weary reaching
would cause His turning
rending the before and after of my story

I don't know
if it's the brush of
my fingers against fibers
or His voice
that my body obeys
like a riotous sea suddenly reflective

many more find healing
in those tassels
but at the cross
when the cloak is torn and bloody
I finally understand that
the healing is in His name

Source: <https://marydeandraws.com/>

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	13th	8.45am 10.00am	Guild Meeting Morning Tea followed by Hoy
FRIDAY	16th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	18th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist and Children's Church

ROSTERED DUTIES 18/6	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan T	Sarah/Donovan
MUSIC	Robert	Howard
READERS	Vanessa/Linda B	Donovan/Mel H
INTERCESSOR	Rev Quinn	Rev Quinn
MORNING TEA		
WELCOMERS	Ann W	Stephen J/Volunteer
AUDIO VISUAL	Volunteer	Volunteer
FLOWERS Dianne	CHURCH CLEANING Wendy/Sara	

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Matthew 9.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12.1-9

LINDA MITCHELL SARAH DAVIES

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

PSALM 33.1-12

1. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: for it befits the just to praise him.
2. *Give the Lord thanks upon the harp: and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.*
3. O sing him a new song: make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.
4. *For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.*
5. He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
6. *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.*
7. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin:
and laid up the deep in his treasuries.
8. *Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*
9. For he spoke, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. *The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations:
he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.*

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Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ◇ The Diocese of Gippsland: †Richard Treloar; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Grovely: Stephen Briggs, Judy Shepherd, Deborah Hay, Robert Hay
- ◇ Church Missionary Society
- ◇ St Hilda's School, Southport: Acting Principal – Amanda Shuttlewood; Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; Chair of School Council - Susan Brandis; members of School Council; staff & students

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Kerry, Helena, Roy, Michael, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Joan, Pam, Laurie, Lionel, Val, Bob, Garry, Dorothy, Gary.

Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

In Memory

June 12th-June 18th

*Stanley Walter Fletcher (1954), Ivor Edward Musk (2005),
Don Hann (2022)*

11. But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.

**12. Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord:
the people he chose to be his own possession.**

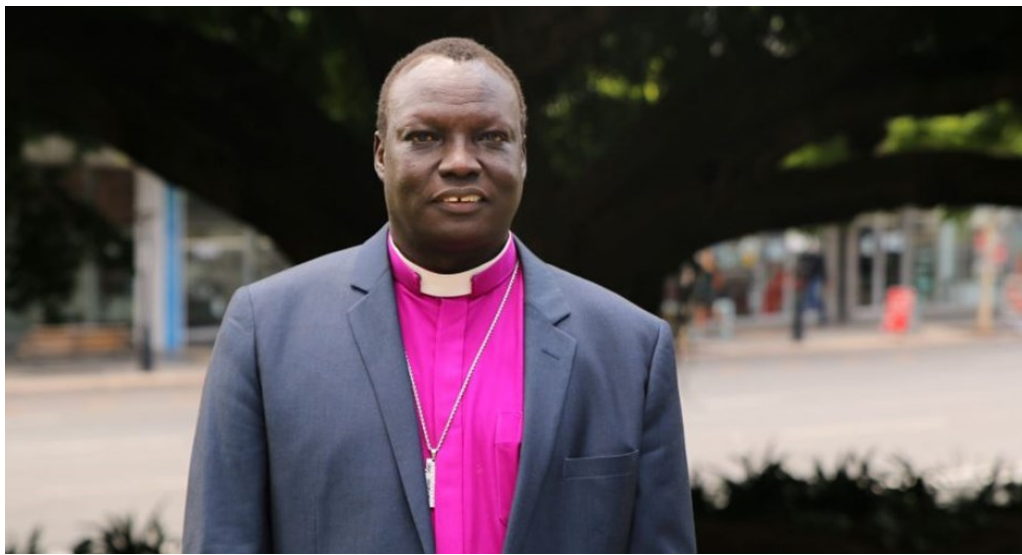
SECOND READING: ROMANS 4.13-25 TONY RIGBY MICHAEL SMIT

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9.9-13; 9.18-26 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Prayers for people in Sudan and South Sudan - Bishop Daniel Abot

"I am writing this to ask *anglican focus* readers to pray for the people in Sudan who are in deep need, for South Sudanese people who are stuck at the border desperately trying to get home, for people in South Sudan who are also impacted, and for Sudanese and South Sudanese community members in Australia, including Anglicans in our Diocese, whose family members have been killed or are missing," says Bishop Daniel Abot

Please be aware that this content may be distressing for some readers.

I have been serving in the role of Ethnic Congregations Specialist now for nearly three and a half years. Much of my ministry involves praying with and pastorally caring for multicultural folk in our Diocese and beyond. In mid-April conflict broke out in Sudan, with churches and mosques bombed and hospitals raided. Nearly 2,000 people have been killed, more than 5,000 injured and more than one million have been displaced in-country, with 300,000 fleeing across neighbouring borders. Two rival military leaders and their forces are battling for control of the resource-rich nation. Last week 18 civilians were killed and more than 100 injured in a poor part of Khartoum, Sudan's capital, as the people went about their shopping in a local market. There are Anglicans in our Diocesan community who have missing family members and whose family homes have been destroyed in Sudan.

The family of my wife, Rachel, is suffering. Rachel's mother, sister and niece fled their home in Sudan, leaving everything behind. They are now staying in Renk with other family. Because conflict broke out while school was in session, Rachel's 16-year-old niece was missing for two days. The family is traumatised as a result. Please pray for Rachel's family.

The Rev'd Rebecca King, who is Priest-in-Charge of The Parish of Yeronga, is ministering to her Sudanese and South Sudanese community members who are grieving the deaths of family

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members and worried about others who are in danger. At the same time, she is extremely worried about her own family due to bombing, gunfire and air strikes. Eight of Rebecca's close neighbours have been killed. Her elder brother was missing for many weeks. Twenty five members of her family went into hiding at the start of the fighting. The Archbishop of Khartoum has been forced out of the Cathedral and is now in hiding. Please keep the Archbishop, The Rev'd Rebecca and her parishioners and their loved ones in Sudan and South Sudan in your daily prayers. I recently spoke to an Anglican priest friend who is based in Darfur, which is in the west of Sudan. Two months ago he moved to Darfur from a refugee camp in another country to preach the Word of God. He is unable to return to the camp because it is too dangerous. I first met this priest in an Ethiopian refugee camp when we were young boys.

He is also a former "Lost Boy" — we fled our villages as young children to avoid being forcibly conscripted into the military as child soldiers.

Another Anglican priest friend and his family are on the run. They have no food or access to clean water. This second friend began hosting the other priest after he arrived in Sudan. We met through the power of prayer eight years ago after he felt a call of God upon his life to convert to Christianity. I was a newly consecrated Bishop at the time. He would seek me out, asking me to pray and read the Bible with him. A fellow Anglican sponsored him to attend Bible College in Juba, which is the capital of now South Sudan. He was ordained a priest after completing his Bible training. Please pray for these two priests and their families and communities. Most Australians in Sudan — nearly 200 citizens — have been repatriated; however, many remain stuck there, including people who have registered their presence. Reaching evacuation points is dangerous, with fuel in very short supply. Please pray for all those seeking safe passage.

People in South Sudan are also terribly impacted. Eleven people lost their lives while attempting to reach a newly established safe zone in Duk, which was particularly cruel of those who are intentionally working against peace in the area. Starvation is becoming more widespread in Duk and across other parts of South Sudan, which is partly due to the disruption in humanitarian aid provided by the United Nations. They are also experiencing financial destitution because of the flow-on effects of the conflict.

I am writing this to ask *anglican focus* readers to pray for the people in Sudan who are in deep need, for South Sudanese people who are stuck at the border desperately trying to get home, for people in South Sudan who are also impacted, and for Sudanese and South Sudanese community members in Australia, including Anglicans in our Diocese, whose family members have been killed or are missing. A few days after the conflict broke out, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, called Anglicans to pray. Please join me as I echo his prayer:

"We hold the nation of Sudan in our prayers at this time. Lord God, protect the civilians, bring peace to this appalling crisis in the nation's life, and allow political stability to return."