

12 MARCH 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	14	8.30am 8.50am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & morning tea –Maheno Room \$5—all welcome
WEDNESDAY	15	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Bible Study
THURSDAY	16	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	17	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	19	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

When the bell rings before a service -

please pause in silence to say this prayer in your heart:

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation;
may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to
love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3.16*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 589, 211, 349, 569.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: GENESIS 12. 1-4A

Linda Mitchell Paul Davis

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.

Psalm 121 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
- 2. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
3. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
5. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
7. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

GOSPEL: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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GOSPEL: (CONTINUED)

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The St John's Teen Church has written a prayer for Lent and are committed to saying it everyday until Palm Sunday.
Please feel free to make this prayer part of your Lenten journey too...

Teen Church 2017 Lent prayer

Lord, I open myself to you today, and offer all that I am and all that I will be for your healing and guidance.

Refresh me, as I let go of all my worries and fears, knowing that you are by my side.

Please help me to embrace your love, to allow your love to heal my wounds and worries and to flow through me to share your love to those around me.

May you touch gently on my life this day and always.

Amen.

The Second Sunday in Lent – Sunday 12 March 2017

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

In the gospel of John we are reminded of the power of being born again, to be born of water and Spirit (v. 5). Nicodemus sought Jesus in order to understand the things of God. Attention was given to him and his questions were answered. God is calling us to subdue the flesh and our humanity to the will of God. The flesh competes while the Spirit complements! Jesus has time for you at all times and in all places. In verse 16, we are told of the unconditional love of which God is inviting you and me to partake.



Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Maseno South - (Kenya): †Francis Abiero

The Diocese of Maseno West - (Kenya): †Joseph Wasonga

The Diocese of Grafton: †Sarah Macneil; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Manly: Shan Vierow, Judith Phillips

Anglicare SQ The Glebe retirement village

St John's Anglican College: Head of College - Sue Bain; Chaplain - Susan Crothers-Robertson; Chair of College Council - Barry Kelly; members of College Council

Locally: All our newly elected Parish Council.

Dianne Coffey, Allan Thomson, Jacqueline Chapman, Sarah Davies, Howard Greaver, Peter Johnston, Tony Rigby, Michael Smit, Don Smith, Ann Winfield, Joanne Wood.

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

(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)

RIP. Ellie Cross



Pray that we may spend enough time with Jesus as we seek answers to the many questions that we have on a daily basis. That we may grasp how high and deep and how wide and long the love of Christ is (Ephesians 3.18)

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev and Most Hon Justin Welby.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir Bishop of Kapsabet, Anglican Church of Kenya

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12 March 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome.**

Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Tuesday 14 March: 8.50am—Guild Meeting—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 14 March: 10.00am—Hoy & morning tea—Maheno Room—\$5 all welcome
- ◇ Wednesday 15 March: Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Wednesday 15 March: Bible Study, 7.00pm—Church
- ◇ Thursday 16 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 17 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19 March: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19 March : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

Letter from the Discussions at the AGM

Dear Parishioners, you will notice on the back of this week's pew bulletin that our budget has increased from \$1750 per week to \$1775 per week. This should come as no surprise as all of you would have noticed that the cost of living has increased.

We have for quite some time now been operating under budget and this of course can not go on; If it were not for Father John working 3 days a week as Diocesan Director of Ordinands, we would not have him as our Rector, or indeed were Father John to leave St. John's Bulimba, we would not be able to afford a full-time Priest.

So what can we do about this:- increase our giving is the one direct way this can happen, and an increase of just \$5 per week, per parishioner, every week would see us achieve our budget.

With today's society being such a cashless society, most people use cards, and don't always carry cash, perhaps the best option is for you to do a direct debit to the Church's Bank Account, or set up a direct debit through Anfin.

Anfin direct debit forms are available at the back of the Church should this be suitable to you.

St. John's Bank Account Details:-

BULIMBA ANGLICAN PARISH

BSB: 704 901

ACCOUNT NO: 00014573

WHAT WE DO

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.

At last week's lesson, the young children proved to be incredibly knowledgeable on the topic of Lent and the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. This week's story tells how Nicodemus visited Jesus, and that Jesus told Nicodemus that he had come to show God's love. The children will be learning that they can show God's love too.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 9.30 am.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 14th March 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 at the back of the Church. 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 26th March. The people manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Thank you.

Next Weeks Readings

The Third Sunday in Lent Sunday 19 March 2017

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Robert Bland Vanessa Hanlon	Howard Greaver Sarah Davies
READERS	Georgina Greenhill Susan Rowe	Children's Church
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Judith Hancock
TEA / COFFEE	Dorothy Cameron Volunteer	Children's Church Lauren & Bjorn Holdt
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
TEEN CHURCH	Next 'In-service' service 19th March	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kylie/wENDY	
FLOWERS	No Flowers in Lent	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1173.00
A deficit of \$ 602.00**

Yearly giving is \$4295.85 under budget