

12 NOVEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	14	8.50am 10.00am-12.00	Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & morning tea—Maheno Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	15	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	16	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	17	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	19	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

**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:

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

*Matthew 24. 42,44*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP : 404, 857, 23, 673.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: JOSHUA 24.1-3A, 14-25

Susan Rowe Paul Davis

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

**PSALM 78.1-7**(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.**
5. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
- 6. that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,**
7. so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

**2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4.9-18**

June Parker Vera Davis

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25.1-13**

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS & SINGERS**

*Do you like to play and sing with others?*

St. John's will be hosting 'Carols by Candlelight' this year!  
We would love you to join us in ministering with your instrument  
and voices, for this event.

If you are able to join us and help this event be musically amazing,  
please contact me by 18th November via Mobile: 0415 227 203 or  
email: hgreaver@hotmail.com. by 18th November.

Proposed date: 10 December 2017

Start time: 6pm

### **Mission to Seafarers:**

Now is the time to think of seafarers far from home at Christmas time and make up a Christmas bag for delivery to the Mission at the Port of Brisbane. Suggestions for the bags are:- men's, socks, jocks & toiletries.

If you are not able to do a bag, please bring your donated items and put them at the back of the Church or give them or your cash to purchase items to Peg or Colin Gladstone.

Collection time is from now until mid November.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World: -*

- ◇ **The Diocese of Ughelli - (Bendel, Nigeria):** †Cyril Odutemu
- ◇ **The Diocese of Grafton:** †Sarah Macneil; Clergy and People

#### *In The Diocese:*

- ◇ **The Parish of Gold Coast North:** John Dougherty, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, + Len Eacott, Peter Finlay, Roseanne Stower, Catriona Middleton, Sidney Rogers, Mary-Anne Rulfs
- ◇ **Maryborough Correctional Centre:** Melissa Marshall, Rimaati Skyner and William Skyner
- ◇ **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 whose lives reflect Christ in this community.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, 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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 12 November 2017  
Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

We have the flavor of the Advent coming through the Gospel reading today. What is the message of this parable – that half of us will be locked out of the banquet of the Kingdom? No, verse 13 is the core of one simple message – be ready – ‘Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour’. Now is not the time for complacency – the banquet is yet to be. Pray for ourselves and others when we feel discouraged and tired as followers of Jesus. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

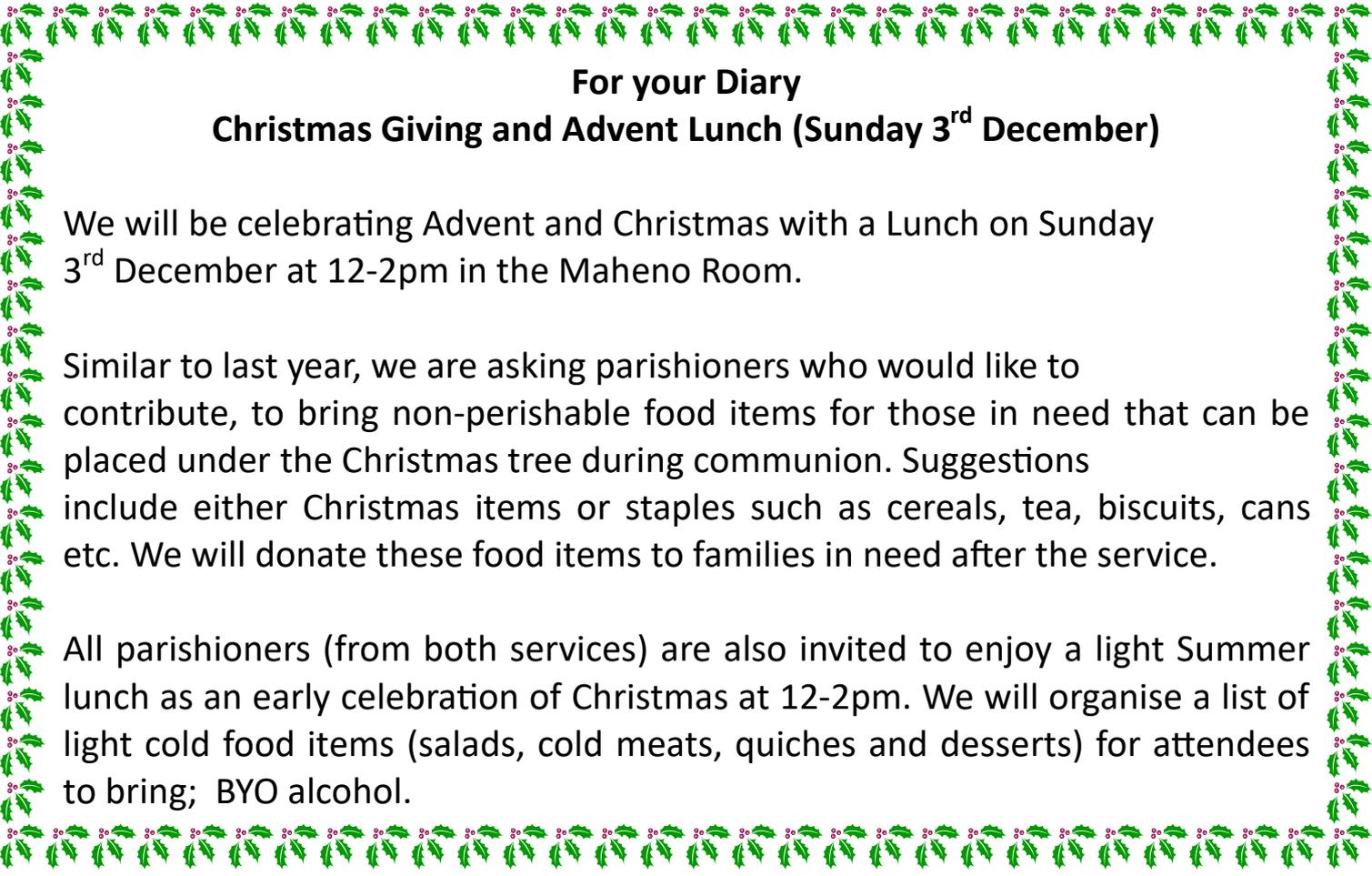
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## 12 November 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Tuesday 14 November: 8.50am—Guild Meeting—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 14 November: 10.00am—Hoy & morning tea—Maheno Room—\$5
- ◇ Wednesday 15 November: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 16 November: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 17 November: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19 November: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19 November: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 25 November: - Election Day Stalls and Sausage Sizzle



### For your Diary

#### Christmas Giving and Advent Lunch (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December)

We will be celebrating Advent and Christmas with a Lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12-2pm in the Maheno Room.

Similar to last year, we are asking parishioners who would like to contribute, to bring non-perishable food items for those in need that can be placed under the Christmas tree during communion. Suggestions include either Christmas items or staples such as cereals, tea, biscuits, cans etc. We will donate these food items to families in need after the service.

All parishioners (from both services) are also invited to enjoy a light Summer lunch as an early celebration of Christmas at 12-2pm. We will organise a list of light cold food items (salads, cold meats, quiches and desserts) for attendees to bring; BYO alcohol.

#### Reverend Jamee's Priesting

Reverend Jamee-Lee Callard is to be Priested at St. John's Cathedral Ann Street Brisbane Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 10.00am.

The Parish can arrange for Maxi Taxis to come to the Church's carpark and take 10 people per taxi to the Cathedral .

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to go to this special event.

The Taxi will be ordered for 9.00am so if you are coming please be here before that time.

A Taxi will be arranged for your return after the ceremony.

## WHAT WE DO

### **Knitting Circle:**

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

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday 14th November in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these 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):**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our cake stall last Sunday; it raised \$510.50. Our last stalls for this year will be 25 November Election Day which will be our Christmas Stalls. We will also be having a sausage sizzle on the 25th November and if you are able to help on the stalls in any way there are rosters at the back of the Church. Any donations toward buying the sausages and bread would be greatly appreciated. If you usually buy from our cake stall on the Sunday and would like to pre-order to pay and collect on the Sunday. Please put your information on the sheet at the back of the Church.

### **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:**

This morning's lesson is based on the parable of the ten bridesmaids. The theme is about making choices and being prepared.

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.

### **Little Children's Church Christmas party - Sunday 3 December**

The Little Children's Church Christmas party will be happening on Sunday 3 December, during the 9am service. We will be having Christmas activities and games during our usual lesson time.

## Next Weeks Readings

### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday 19 November 2017**

Judges 4.1-10

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14-30

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
<b>READERS</b>	Georgina Greenhill Susan Rowe	Teen Church Louise Tervitt
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Judith Hancock
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Dorothy Cameron Volunteer	Teen Church Bjorn & Lauren Holdt
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>		Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	"In Service" service	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Lauren and Dorothy	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Dianne	

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

**Last Week \$1,279.10**

**Yearly giving is \$19,320.20. under budget**