

13 AUGUST 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN  
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	17	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	18	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	20	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:

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

*Matthew 14. 26-27*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 640, 251, 200, 173.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this 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 37.1-4, 12-28

Allan Thomson Paul Davis

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.

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**1ST READING:** (continued)

They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

**PSALM 105.1-6,16-22** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

**6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

16. When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

**17. he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

18. His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

**19. until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.**

20. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**21. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,**

22. to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14.22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World:* -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Remo - (Lagos, Nigeria):** †Michael Fape
- ♦ **Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia:**

#### *In The Diocese:*

- ♦ **The Parish of North Pine:** Chris Johnson, Lynda Johnson, Ken Suddick, Ralph Bowles, Graham Ross, Bruce Worthington
- ♦ **Anglican Aid Abroad**
- ♦ **St Luke's Anglican School:** Principal – Craig Merritt; Chaplain - Iain Furby; Chair of School Council – Hermina Conradie; members of School Council

**Locally:** For all Deacons and Diaconal ministry.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Ethan, 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 13 August 2017

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-33

Jesus calls us out of the boat. Recently I heard a sermon preached by the Families' Worker, Elizabeth, in my home parish. In her sermon, she reflected on the nature of the Church, and pointed to the roof, which bears resemblance to an upturned ship. She asked us to picture ourselves on the ship, and what we were doing there: are we on holidays, enjoying ourselves and the safety the ship provides? Are we in the lower cabins, uncertain of the course set out before us over the clamour of our circumstance? Or are we in the engine room, working and ensure we get to our destination safely? She said that sometimes Jesus calls us to step out in faith. Jesus calls us out of the boat. And when we fail to hold all faith, he is there, hand outstretched, to remind us of his strength to hold us above the waters.

Pray that Jesus will lead us where our trust is without borders, that we will walk upon the waters wherever he will call us.

Give thanks for the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa

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## 13 August 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.
- ◇ Thursday 17 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 18 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 20 August: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 20 August: 9.00am—Family Eucharist



## Teen Church Term 3 2017-Fearless

13th August - Session 2 - today

20th August - 'In Service' Service

3rd September - Session 3

8th September—"UP" Movie night in Maheno Room

*This term at 9am we will explore what it means to fight fear with faith & live as fearless disciples of Christ.*

## Join Rev'd Jamee at the Celebration of the Diaconate Evensong Tonight

Inviting all people who have a heart for the diaconate to join Archbishop Phillip, the Cathedral community and our community of Deacons for Evensong in St John's Cathedral on **Sunday 13 August at 6 pm**. Come early and share time with deacons over a cuppa before the service. Following the service, a simple meal of soup and rolls will be served. Please RSVP to Ann Solari at [ansolari@westnet.com.au](mailto:ansolari@westnet.com.au) to assist with catering. We look forward to your presence as we honour the valuable ministry of deacons in this diocese.

## LA Ministry Workshop

Please see the flyer on the notice board (which has been endorsed by Bishop Alison Taylor) inviting those contemplating LA Ministry to attend a Workshop on **Saturday 16 September 2017**.

If you would like more information please contact either Allan Sauer (3397 1501, 0412 746 636, [sauer@ecn.net.au](mailto:sauer@ecn.net.au)) OR Peter Wornham (3422 2485, 0411 599 780, [pwo33029@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pwo33029@bigpond.net.au)).

## WHAT WE DO

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd August not 16th August (as this is the Ekka Public Holiday), at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 12th 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 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 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):**

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 27th August. 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.

### **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:**

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.

## Next Weeks Readings

### The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday 20 August 2017**

Genesis 45.1-15;

Psalm 133;

Romans 11.13-32 [33-36];

Matthew 15.[10-20]; 21-28

<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>	Ann Winfield Roslyn Thomson	Teen church Lousie Tervitt
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Teen Church
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Dorothy Cameron Christine Bevan	Bjorn Holdt Lauren Holdt
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	'In Service'	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Andrea/Michael Smit, Laura	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Judith	

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

**Last Week \$1358.90**

**Yearly giving is \$12,665.90 under budget**