

Nativity Set Blessing

Sunday 27th November 7.30 and 9 am

We want to bless your Nativity set. Many of us set up a small nativity scene in our own homes. Some are much loved family heirlooms, creations from kids we love or a gift from someone special. No matter what its origins, how about bringing it to church and we will admire them, bless them and send them home to radiate the message of the Incarnation.



Light up Oxford Street
COMMUNITY CAROLS
SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

6.00 pm Carols at Bulimba Uniting Church
6.30pm Lighting of the Church
7.00pm Carols at St John's Anglican Church and lighting of the nativity



Children's Church Sunday 9am

This Sunday in church we will be talking about how following Jesus can be hard when other people don't understand how much God loves us.

Jesus promises that He will care for us...even when it gets tough.



13th November 2022

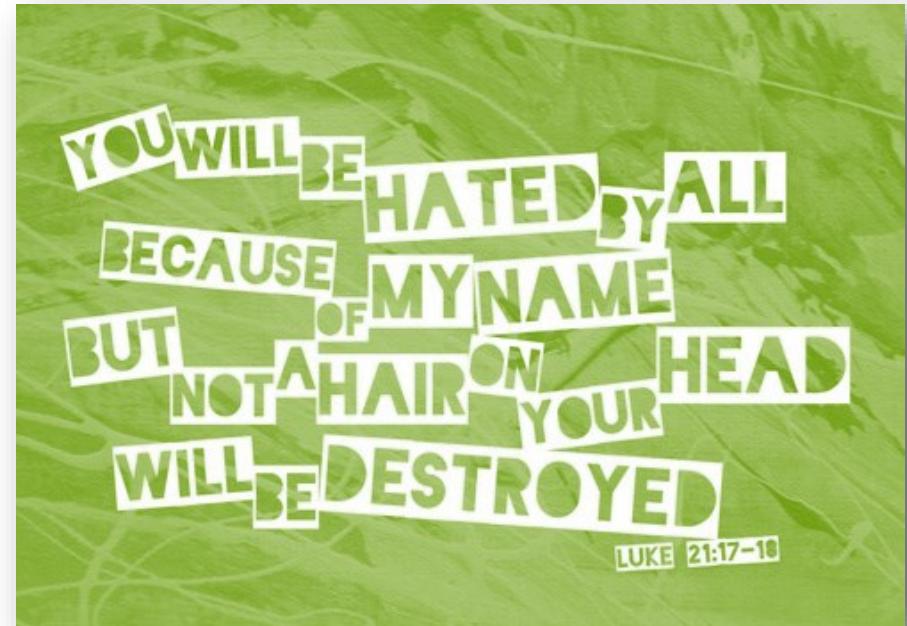
7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



THE GOOD LIFE

Luke 21: 12-19

Stand firm, don't fear the cost, and not a hair on your head shall be lost.

I have not shown how to attain to wealth or power; not the way to court success or reap the praise of men; not how to manage pain or even master Zen;

But how to be true as I am to you.

I have not shown how to be smart or not to get arrested; not the way to never faint or never be molested; not how to win the day or even be a saint:

But how to be true as I am to you.

Stand firm, don't fear the cost, and not a hair on your head shall be lost.

To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,

please use the account details:

BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.

Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	16th	9.30am	Knitting Circle
FRIDAY	18th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	20th	7.30am 9.00am 11.00am	Eucharist Eucharist & Children's Church Visit Regis

ROSTERED DUTIES 20/11	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Susan & Allan	Sarah & Donovan
MUSIC	Robert	Howard
READERS	Linda M/ June	Roland/Sarah
INTERCESSOR	Allan	Andrew
MORNING TEA	Volunteer required	
WELCOMERS	Tony/Ann	Steve J/Laurie
AUDIOVISUAL	TBC	TBC
FLOWERS	Sara	CHURCH CLEANING Sue & Kym

**COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING,
CONTINUE HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.**

Priest-in-Charge

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3.16

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns.

We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65.17-25

ALLAN THOMSON DONOVAN SPARKS

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord —and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord .

PSALM A SONG OF ISAIAH:

'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

**'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'**

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

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On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:

let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3.6-13 ANN WINFIELD MICHAEL SMIT

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21.5-19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◊ Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- ◊ Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: †Chris McLeod

In The Diocese:

- ◊ The Parish of Tamborine Mountain: Tom Hunton, Allan Paulsen, John Corner, Robin Keeley
- ◊ Chermside Anglican Welfare Ministries
- ◊ St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Head of College - Maria McIvor; Chaplain - Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council - Carla Tromans; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally:

We pray for...

- ◊ **Margaret Salter** as we give thanks for her many years of faithful service as Sacristan. We pray she will continue to find inspiration and strength in the many ways she continues to contribute to our community. May those stepping up to continue her work find it a means of enriching their faith and worship.
- ◊ We pray for **Br Nathan James ssf** and his ministry as chaplain of Cannon Hill Anglican College. May he continue to find deep support from staff, family and friends as he tends the souls of all in that place.

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips.

In Times of Anxiety and Fear

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.
St. Teresa of Avila

In Memory

November 14th–November 20th

Judith Helena Lane-Collett (1968)
Marjorie Ganly (1961) John Russell Penny (2004)

Why Perseverance Matters By Sharron R. Blezard

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Doing the right thing can be tough—tough to discern, tough to put into practice, and tough practice consistently. Staying the course and using critical thinking to discern the right paths—these are skills not often taught or prized in much of our culture. Let's face it; we live in a throwaway age.

...who has time to weigh what is right versus what is expedient versus what fulfills the needs and desires of our hearts?

...And many do become weary of doing right. “Compassion fatigue” afflicts many who give much of themselves.

What's a disciple to do in a world that glorifies the self in all manner of ways: self-satisfaction, self-actualization, self-reliance, and self-centeredness? Do we simply opt out of anything that is uncomfortable or that pushes us deeper into relationship with the One who demands that we give up our very self for the sake of the gospel?

In fact, it is in the very midst of the world's chaos and destruction that disciples find an oasis of hope and peace in Christian community and in journeying together as disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that no matter what comes their way their perseverance in the faith will see them through. God will not abandon God's own. *“By your endurance you will gain your souls,”* says our Lord in Luke 2:19.

Because we WILL face opposition, perseverance matters. Because culture and the forces of evil WILL place stumbling blocks in our path, perseverance matters.

Because our lights will shine in the darkness, reflecting the light of Christ to a hurting, chaotic, and broken world, our perseverance matters.

So do not be dismayed, and don't give up. When the going gets tough, dig into prayer and study. Do good. Be generous. Immerse yourself in community. Show up for worship and dine at the Lord's table. Don't be weary; your perseverance makes all the difference in this world and for the sake of the life to come.

[Why Perseverance Matters \(stewardshipoflife.org\)](http://stewardshipoflife.org)

Persevere. Nothing worthwhile is easy.

Barack Obama

Advent and Christmas Preparation

Lights and Church Preparation Working Bee Saturday 26th November starting 8am

This was a great experience last year of working together and making our space and place look festive, welcoming and bright.

We would love your help for whatever time you have either on the day or beforehand. A cuppa and a Tim Tam too?



CHRISTMAS UP LATE Friday 2nd December 5-8pm

This event is organised by the Oxford Street Business Association, who have booked the Maheno Room for Christmas photos with Saint Nicholas (Ok... Santa).



We want to capitalize on the heavy foot traffic past our door with some fundraising of our own... the Christmas Raffle, a biscuit and craft stall, a sausage sizzle and Christmas organ music... Thank you for those who have volunteered to help make this happen .

ADVENT GROUP OFFERINGS

Advent Reflections

Wednesday Mornings

30th November, 7th, 14th,
21st December

10am in St John's

Wednesday Evenings

30th November, 7th, 14th,
21st December

7pm in St John's

Advent Quiet Morning

Saturday 10th December **9am—12pm Maheno Room and St John's**

Angels Among Us



“Do not be afraid.” — The Angels

Theme: The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point — their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove to the world.

Parish Christmas Lunch

Sunday December 11th @11.30am

Join us for a relaxed bring and share Christmas lunch in the Maheno Room.

Let's enjoy community, celebrate all that has been this year, raise a glass to the efforts of many and get in the festive spirit for the birth of Jesus.

Please indicate what you can bring on the sheet at the back of the church. BYO drinks.



GUILD 2022

Our wonderful Guild members have continued their work of supporting the life and ministry of the parish. The monthly Hoy group and the Knitting Group have continued the tradition of hospitality and fellowship.

In addition to knitting our much loved Baptism Bears the Guild has given...

- ◊ \$2000 towards windows restoration in May
- ◊ \$200 towards Confirmation and Baptism gifts
- ◊ 24 rugs made for Regis
- ◊ Lots of items made for Care for Kids
- ◊ Created gift bags for the BCT Regis Christmas Service

New members
are always
welcome!



November Christmas Cake Stall, Christmas Up Late Stall and Monster Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Sunday the 27th November is the last Cake Stall for the year and the launch of our luxury treats Christmas Hamper raffle. This will be followed by a stall, sausage sizzle and sale of raffle tickets at the Christmas Up Late event on the 2nd December.

Raffle Goods needed

The raffle hampers last year were truly magnificent. We hope to match them this year... we need donations of bottles of wine, Christmas treats, things you'd like to have if you won the hamper. These can be brought to church next week or dropped into the office on Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Your donations are appreciated very much and help raise funds for our ministry to each other and to the people outside our doors.

