

14 FEBRUARY 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

First Sunday in Lent

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	17	7.30pm	Bible Study- Coxen Room
THURSDAY	18	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	19	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	21	7.30am 9.00am 3.00-4.30pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Connect to Veterans -Maheno Room

Welcome! We are glad you are with us!

Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4.8

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 168, 591, 594, 569

9.00am Eucharist:- **All from One Voice book 1**: 182,153,148,47

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: So guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26. 1-11 MARGARET SALTER JANINE HARTSHORN

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM 91.1-2, 9-16 (verses to be said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2. will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'

9. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,
10. no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

11. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

13. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

14. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

15. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

16. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

2ND READING : ROMANS 10. 4-13

JUNE PARKER BRIAN ROY

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.'

LUKE 4.1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Date Claimer

Connect 2 Veterans Afternoon Tea:

Next Sunday 21st February 3.00-4.30pm in the Maheno Room

Transport can be organized if needed.

Contact Emma on 0407 384 470

Not just for Veterans, any shutins or elderly you know please invite them along.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◆ **The Church of the Province of Central Africa:** +Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia
- ◆ **Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia:** Clergy & People

In The Diocese:

- ◆ **The Parish of Pittsworth:** Garth Shaw
- ◆ **Bush Ministry Fund**
- ◆ **St Margaret's Anglican Girls School:** Principal - Roslyn Curtis; Chaplain - Nicole Colledge; Chair of School Council – Alison Quinn; School Council members

Locally: For all students and faculties returning to or beginning tertiary education

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Helen, Roselee, Esther, Pam D. Gail, Linda.

(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 First Sunday in Lent– Sunday 14 February 2016
Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15

Today is coincidentally the First Sunday of Lent – the remembrance of Jesus going into the wilderness for 40 days – and Valentine's Day – where couples all over the Western world celebrate romantic love by being together and exchanging gifts. Out of love for his people Jesus ventures into the desert to fast and to pray – alone, and in this he is confronted with all the desires and difficulties that his human nature throws to him. In this he prevails because of his righteousness and shows us that there is no real love without sacrifice. We ought to remember this message on our Lenten journey and especially today.

Pray that we might have the strength to be able to follow the example of Jesus in sacrificing for those whom we love.

Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe, remembering especially the Religious Orders within the Church – The Society of the Holy Cross (Seoul), the Order of St Benedict (Busan), the Daughters of St Francis (Busan) and the Society of St Francis (Gangwando)

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14 February 2016 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.

- ◇ Wednesday 17 February : 7.30pm—Bible Study—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 18 February : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 19 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 21 February : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 21 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 21 February: 3.00-4.30pm—Connect to Veterans-Maheno Room

- ◇ Date Claimer:- Friday 4 March: 10.00am—World Day of Prayer- St.John's Bulimba

Annual General Meeting:

Today, Sunday 14th February, 2016 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. (You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

Reports for Annual General Meeting:

Reports for the Annual General Meeting will be at the back of the Church after the Service today, please take a copy to read before the AGM.

WHAT WE DO

Children's Church:

Each Sunday during Lent, the older children will be learning about a spiritual practice and will be encouraged to take this practice up at home. This morning is all about giving thanks to God.

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am service. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us. We meet in two groups:

Children's Church – for children in Year 3 to Year 7

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Year 2, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, there is no group meeting in January or February, they will meet again on 16 March 2016.

St. John's Guild:

The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, they would like some more participants, so please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church, and would love to have some more members. 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 stalls will be on Saturday 19th March 2016 which is Election Day. As our Maheno Room is used for voting, we will have our stalls set up on the lawn. This is also the week before Easter so please keep this in mind when baking and decorating. Cards with the Easter Services are available to use on your goods to advise our service times for the Holy Week.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday 21 February 2016

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13: 31-35

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	ROBERT BLAND VANESSA HANLON	HOWARD GREAVER SARAH DAVIES
READERS	ALLAN THOMSON MARCIA McALLAN	ALEX TERVITT LOUISE TERVITT
INTERCESSOR	JUNE PARKER	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE STUART WINFIELD	STEPHEN JONES JUDITH HANCOCK
TEA / COFFEE	DOROTHY CAMERON	BJORN & LAUREN HOLDT
OFFERTORY	MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	ALLAN THOMSON
COUNTER	MARGARET O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DOROTHY/KYLIE	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SANDRA/SHARON	
FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1700/Week; Last Week \$1337.90