

15 SEPTEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| WEDNESDAY | 18 | 9.30am | Knitting Circle –Maheno Room |
| THURSDAY | 19 | 9.30am | Mah-jong—Church |
| FRIDAY | 20 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| SUNDAY | 22 | 7.30am 9.00am | Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist |

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:

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15.10

HYMNS: 7.30 TIS: 596, 129, 590, 598.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: JEREMIAH 4.11-12,22-28

SUSAN ROWE TEEN CHURCH

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

PSALM 14: (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.
- 2. The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**
3. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.
- 4. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?**
5. There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.
- 6. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**
7. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

2ND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1.1-2,12-19A

ANN WINFIELD TEEN CHURCH

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith;

GOSPEL: LUKE 15. 1-10.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John's. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work has begun. Please see the information leaflet which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest .

As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime, a "locum" or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Father Lindsay Howie. He will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest. If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania:** †Maimbo Mndolwa – Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Melbourne:** †Philip Freier; Regional Bishops: †Genieve Blackwell, †Bradly Billings, †Paul Barker, †Kate Prowd; Clergy and People

⇒ In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Everton Park:** Andrew Peters
- ⇒ **Prince Charles & Holy Spirit Northside:** Judy Burt and Volunteers
- ⇒ **St Paul's School, Bald Hills:** Headmaster – Paul Browning; Chaplain – Mark Leam; Acting Chair of School Council – Lynda Johnson; members of School Council; staff & students

Locally. We pray for those affected by bushfires, who have lost homes, property and stock and we thank you for the firefighters and emergency workers fighting the fire and assisting those evacuated.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Dawn, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth.

(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)

IN MEMORY, SEPTEMBER 16-22

Flowers are in memory of Bob Solaga, who died 18 September 2014

Jean Rule, 2004; Dawn Lawrence, 2015; Sarah Fletcher, 1947

Prayer for our New Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Parish Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573 if you wish to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many of you faithfully pack a shoebox for children overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are collected in October, and Samaritan's Purse co-ordinates their delivery at Christmas to children in developing countries who would otherwise not hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting shoeboxes, and items to go in them, at the back of the church to take to collections centre. If you cannot fill a box please donate suitable items to go in a box. Suitable things to go in a box are something to wear, something to love (soft toy etc), something for school (pencil case with pencils, crayons, sharpener etc), a toy or game to play with; hygiene items such as toothbrushes and comb, and something special (stickers, sunglasses, hair clips). Please do not include anything war or violence related, any food items such as sweets, anything breakable or anything which might leak such as toothpaste. Please go to the website to register and pay for your box delivery (\$10 per box) and to print labels for boy/girl and age group.

Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions



Sunday 15 September 2019– Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; either 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a or 1 Timothy 1; Luke 15.1-10

Paul and Jesus are on message: in Paul's words, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, not condemn them. The readings warn us that the 'foolishness' of persisting in 'doing evil' and ignoring God's way of love and doing good can only end in disaster, for individuals and for the local and wider community and for the earth itself.

Pray that 'you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience'.

Give thanks for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, giving thanks for their work and witness

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WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on Wednesday 18th September, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 8th October in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):

Next stall is on Sunday 22nd September. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am 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.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting 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.

Junior Ichthus 29 September to 4 October

Junior Ichthus (Grades 7-9) is on during the coming school holidays at PCYC Bornhoffen Camp on the Gold Coast. Brochures are at the back of the church and registration is via aycf.org.au. Registration closes 16th September.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1

Psalm 79.1-9

either 1 Timothy 2.1-10 or

1 Timothy 3.14 – 4.6

Luke 16.1-13

| ROSTERED DUTIES | 7.30AM | 9.00AM |
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| L.A.S | Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson | Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby |
| READERS | June Parker Margaret Salter | David Down Kate Down |
| INTERCESSORS | Susan Rowe | Volunteer |
| DOOR | Lionel Rowe Susan Rowe | Laurie Thomson Michael Smit |
| TEA / COFFEE | Volunteers | Andrea and Michael Findlay |
| FLOWERS | Dianne | |

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.

Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.