

16 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TODAY'S SERVICES

The Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST
9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	19	9.30am 7.00pm	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room St Francis Study— Church
THURSDAY	20	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	21	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	23	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

Quiet Before the Service

Please be sensitive to the fact that when you are sitting in the pews prior to the service and whilst other people are receiving communion, those around you may well wish for quietness.

Thank You

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. *Mark 8.35*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 123, 650, 608, 598.
9.00am Eucharist:- **AOV1:** 24, 166, 114, 116, 131.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: PROVERBS 1. 20-33

ROSLYN THOMSON TEEN CHURCH

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

PSALM 19: *(verses said alternately between reader and congregation)*

1. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
3. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 4. yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**
5. which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- 8. the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
9. the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**
11. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**
13. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

2ND READING: JAMES 2.18-26

GEORGINA GREENHILL

TEEN CHURCH

But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

GOSPEL: MARK 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World:

- ⇒ **Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan**, †Ezekiel Kumir Kondo Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Newcastle**: †Peter Stuart; Regional Bishops: †Sonia Roulston & †Charlie Murry; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Mundubbera-Eidsvold-Monto**: Jeff Balnaves
- ⇒ **Clergy with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese**
- ⇒ **The Glennie School**: Head of School – Kim Cohen; Chaplain – Sharon Baird; Chair of School Council – Elizabeth Gillam; members of School Council; staff and students

Locally: Those caring for the sick at home.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew, Lynne, Lindsay, Sue.

(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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 16 September 2018
Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19 James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38

The last verse of today's psalm (May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer) is often used as a pre-sermon prayer. Yet it is a prayer not just for preachers but for all of us to use daily – to help us to ensure our words and thoughts are always godly.

Pray for godliness of speech and thought throughout this week.

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

16th September 2018 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- * Wednesday 19 September: 9.30am— Knitting Circle—Maheno room
- * Wednesday 19 September: 7.00pm—St Francis Study—Church
- * Thursday 20 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- * Friday 21 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 23 September : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 23 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

St Francis Study

Come along and explore The Legacy of St Francis in 5 sessions
using Richard Rohr's study materials

“Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy”

Wednesday Evenings in Church 7pm

12th,19th,26th September

3rd & 10th October

Study books are available from the office or at the study for
\$12



Donations and weekly offerings can now be made with
credit cards at all services.

The iPad is located at the back of the Church if you wish to
pay in this way.

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 19th September, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 9th 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 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 Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish)

Next stall is on Sunday 23rd September. The people manning the stall 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 fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. Thanks.

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.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 23 September 2018

Proverbs 31.10-31

Psalm 1

James 3.1-12;

Mark 9.30-37

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
READERS	June Parker Allan Thomson	Kate Down David Down
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
MORNING TEA	Alana Bear Lynette McAllan Marcia Mcallan	Andrea Findlay Michael Findlay
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	

FLOWERS	Elaine
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Weekly Giving : Budget \$1975/Week;

Last Week \$ 1016.80

Yearly shortfall \$ 26,370.55