

17 APRIL 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	20	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	21	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	22	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	23	2.00pm	Redmond/Lewis Wedding
SUNDAY	24	7.30am 9.00am 9.00am-1.00pm	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Cake & Book Stalls on the Lawn

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.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.17

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 50, 888, 315, 649

9.00am Eucharist:-**One Voice Book 1:** 1, 30, 6, 131

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ACTS 9. 36-43

RUTH SOUTHGATE ELAINE ADAMS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

PSALM 23. (*SAY ALL TOGETHER*)

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
- 2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- 3. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**
- 4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**
- 5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**


2ND READING : REVELATION 7. 9-17

LINDA MITCHELL JOY KELLY

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

GOSPEL: JOHN 10.22-30

I was the festival of the Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'



Connect 2 Veterans

You are invited to

Afternoon Tea

and special musical performance and sing - a - long hosted by two very talented local teens!

At St John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall

171 Oxford St Bulimba

This Sunday, 17th April, 2016

3pm to 4:30 pm

RSVP

To Emma Simpson PH 0407 384470

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PLEASE CONTACT ME TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT IF NEEDED

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan):** +Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido
- ♦ **The Diocese of North Queensland:** +Bill Ray; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Caloundra with Glasshouse Country:** Craig Moody, Anthony Halstead, Joan Pascoe, David Curry, Clarrie White, Stephen Redhead, Ray Barraclough
- ♦ **Palen Creek Correctional Centre:** David Lunniss
- ♦ **The Southport School: Headmaster** - Greg Wain; Chaplain - Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council - Fraser Perrin; members of School Council

Locally: All emergency services personnel.

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

RIP. Wilfred William (Robbie) Robinson



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

– Sunday 17 April 2016

Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

In the modern world, so many won't take the step of believing in Jesus until the question, similar to this one is answered to their satisfaction, plainly and in scientific terms. "If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus has answered this with "The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me". We need to answer the modern doubters in the same way. In Jesus' time the doubters were there with him and could clearly see what he was doing, and yet did not believe. How much harder it is for us, in this day and age to show the works of Jesus to the doubters. The problem is that they are not always easy to see and there are none so blind as those who do not wish to see. Let us find ways to bring the modern miracles of Jesus to those who are blind to them.

Pray for the 'modern spiritually blinded', that their eyes may be opened to the works, beauty and glory of Jesus.

Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, and pray that in each of the dioceses God's love for the world may be made known.

Text: The Rev Ken Spreadborough, Chair of ABM's Brisbane Diocesan Committee

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The Church Windows

A number of years ago it became clear in the not too distant future the state of the church windows would have to be addressed. Most of the frames either require refurbishment or replacement. The lead in many windows has buckled from heat and pushed out the glass it was holding in. The glass on the northern side of the church has deteriorated to the point of becoming brittle and powdered. Consultation with the Heritage architects has revealed in Australia the glass used was old toilet glass that people had left over from house building and donated to the church. Heritage is clear they would like us to replace the frames with 'like' but the glass itself is very ordinary. Any proposed work like this offers opportunities to say something about today and to future generations.

What is proposed.

All round windows, including the west window, will be cleaned, and where necessary glass replaced. The frames around the skylights will be re-seated and re-fitted. The old style fittings which allowed these skylights to open will be re-instated so that in the heat of summer we can cool the church as was their intention.

The two windows on the west wall will be cleaned and where necessary new glass installed but the designs will remain the same.

The tryptic on the east will be replaced thanks to a generous donation for that purpose. This family is keen to employ a glazier and artist who has undertaken work in a number of cathedrals around the world and is also able to undertake the art work too.

The gothic side windows in the nave area are the worst affected and here we have the opportunity to create a unique message by design about our faith at St John's Bulimba to not only ourselves but future generations.

A number of people have suggested they would like to see a theme of St John the Baptist on the east window which is then explored by examples of local baptismal ministry in the windows of the nave.

For this project to proceed and be successful the first hurdle to cross will be to decide upon a 'style'. Please could you look at the following website www.leadlightcraftsman.com.au at the different styles shown there and let me know which one you prefer. They range from ultra-modern, through to 70's, right to medieval. Do not be put off by the content, concentrate ONLY on the style. For those without access to the net I will place a folder at the back of the church with examples of them. When I have a general consensus I will inform parish council.

At this stage we have promises from people for three windows in memory of loved ones, plus the tryptic. If you would like to do likewise please let me know.

Can I also ask you to think of examples of baptismal ministry from this community which could be depicted in a window, e.g. Sister Cecil in the 1890's and her ministry to education and lay minister training here. Mrs Coxen, who as a committed member of this community raised the bulk of money for the construction of this church, was also the first woman to be admitted to the National Geographical Society, and the local doctor's wife etc.

Please pass any ideas on to me.

All God's Blessings,

The rector

17 April 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 20 April: 9.00am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 21 April : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 22 April: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 23 April: 2.00pm—Redmond/Lewis Wedding
- ◇ Sunday 24 April: 7.30am Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 April: 9.00am Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 April: 9.00am– 1.00pm-Cake and Book Stalls on the lawn

WHAT WE DO

Children's Church:

This morning's lesson is from the book of Acts and is all about acts of kindness. The older children will be practising acts of kindness in their games.

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 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, the next meeting is on 20th April at 9.30 am.

St. John's Guild:

Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 10th May, 2016 at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. 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, If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us . Tea and coffee is supplied.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 24 April 2016

Acts 11.1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21.1-16
John 13.31-35

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
READERS	GEORGINA GREENHILL ALLAN THOMSON	MICHAEL SMIT LINDA MITCHELL
INTERCESSOR	ROBERT BLAND	BAPTISM
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE SUSAN ROWE	LAURIE THOMSON MICHAEL SMIT
TEA / COFFEE	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	ANDREA & MICHAEL FINDLAY
OFFERTORY	ALLAN THOMSON	
COUNTER	ROSLYN THOMSON	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	SANDRA/ANDREA	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	LAUREN/KYLIE	
FLOWERS	DIANNE COFFEY	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1,432.35