

17 MARCH 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Second Sunday in Lent

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

# ST JOHN

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	13	9.30 am 7.00pm	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room Lenten Study—Church
<b>THURSDAY</b>	14	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	15	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	17	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,  
the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3.20

**HYMNS: MP: 7.30** 243, 469, 338, 188.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

ANN WINFIELD, TEEN CHURCH

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'.

**PSALM 27** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall.**

3. If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

**4. One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

5. To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.

**6. For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble: and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.**

7. And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.

**8. And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation: I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

9. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.

**10. My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face': your face, Lord, I will seek.**

11. Do not hide your face from me: or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

**12. For you have been my helper: do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

13. Though my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord will take me up.

**14. Teach me your way, O Lord: and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.**

15. Do not give me over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.

**16. But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord: in the land of the living.**

17. O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart: and wait, I say, for the Lord.

**2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3.17 - 4.1**

ROS THOMSON, TEEN CHURCH

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 13. 1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

### **Lenten Appeal from ABM**

The Anglican Board of Mission 2019 Lenten appeal seeks support for their projects in Zambia, Lebanon and Australia. In some weeks of Lent and at Easter you will find envelopes for your donations. Please consider prayerfully your support for those in need across the world and place your donation envelope in the collection plate or donate directly to ABM.

### **Social Club Events**

The next Social Club event will be a Wine and Cheese Appreciation evening to be held in the Maheno Room on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm. We will provide a selection of five wines for tasting and five cheeses from Le Fromage Yard at Morningside. We will have a guest speaker, Ian Davies, to talk about the wines.

Tickets will be \$20 per person including wine, cheese and snacks.

Tickets will be for sale in church, from Ann Winfield at 7.30 am service and Karen Hughes and Dianne Coffey at 9.00am. We will need numbers by 31st March for catering purposes. Please come along and bring your friends.

### **Concert at Holy Trinity Fortitude Valley**

At **3:00pm on Sunday, 24th March**, the Choir of Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, will present "Singing through the Church Year", a selection of favourite repertoire for each of the church's seasons, as the first concert in the parish's Sundays@Trinity series. The concert will be in Holy Trinity Church, Brookes St, Fortitude Valley, and tickets (\$15/\$10) will be available at the door (cash only, sorry).

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Church of England:** †Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury
- ⇒ **The Diocese of the Northern Territory:** †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Wynnum:** Donna Petersen, Jamee-lee Callard, Keith Colbert
- ⇒ **SAILS** at Bayside
- ⇒ **The Southport School, Southport:** Headmaster - Greg Wain; Chaplain - Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council - Fraser Perrin; members of School Council; staff and students

**Locally:** For the lonely and shut in; and for care workers and Meals on Wheels who bring care, company and comfort.

**Pray for The Sick:** Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew, Kieran.

*(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 Second Sunday in Lent—Sunday 17 March 2019

**Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.7-4.1; Luke 13.1-9 or Luke 9.28-36**



As we journey through Lent we might find ourselves with the keen awareness that our God is a God of journeys. In our readings from today we see two journeys – one of Abraham from Ur to Canaan, and the other of Jesus and a handful of his disciples going up Mount Tabor. In both cases God is bringing his servants away from what is familiar and taking them to unfamiliar places, and often it can be scary for them. We know that ultimately they were strengthened by the experience in their faith. When God calls us out of our familiar surroundings we should take heart knowing that he is with us and we will ultimately be strengthened by our journey.

Pray for all those who God has called to difficult ministries, callings and occupations.

Give thanks for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, remembering especially the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing, his staff, clergy and people.

*Text: The Rev Will Johnston,*

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## 17th March 2019 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- \* Wednesday 20 March: 9.30 am— Knitting Circle—Maheno Room -  
\* with Morning Tea.
- \* Wednesday 20 March: 7.00pm—Lenten Study—Maheno Room
- \* Thursday 21 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- \* Friday 22 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Sunday 24 March : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist and Cake Stall
- \* Sunday 24 March: 9.00am—Family Eucharist and Cake Stall

### Lenten Study

Our Lenten Study is *The Mystery of God*, from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Fr John will lead a study group, meeting in the Maheno Room at 7.00 pm on each Wednesday of Lent continuing until 10th April. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing Him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation.

Please contact the Parish Office for a copy of the (free) Course notes.

**Please note the changed start time, now 7.00pm**

### Confirmation Classes

Those wishing to be confirmed will have an opportunity at the visit of Bishop John to our Parish on 23rd June 2019. Parents and young people are invited to put their names and details on the form at the back of the church, or to contact the Parish Office by email. At this time we anticipate that confirmation Classes will be held on every third Sunday (In-Service Service for Teen Church) up to the Bishop's visit and Confirmation on 23rd June. This will be 17 March, 28 April (not 21st), and 19 May.

The first class takes place after the Sunday 9.00am service today, 17th March.

### Weekly Welcomers

Do you have some free time to come and sit in our beautiful church and welcome visitors? We are looking for a couple more volunteers during the week and someone for Saturday morning. This is not onerous; you would commit to a regular weekly morning or afternoon (or less frequent) when you sit in the church and greet visitors. It is a calming and friendly ministry to keep our parish church open . Please contact Ann Winfield on 3395 7573.

## **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 20th March, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 9th April 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.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 24th March. This is an important fundraiser for our Parish and we welcome all donations of cakes, biscuits, jams and sweets. We find that small cakes, and slices sell best, with homemade jams and lemon butter also very popular (any rosella jam out there?). Please be sure to put a price on your donations. Thanks.

### **Mah-jong Group:**

The Mah-jong Group meets on Thursday mornings from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Church or Maheno Room. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee are 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.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### The Third Sunday in Lent Sunday 24 March 2019

Isaiah 55. 1-9  
Psalm 63 1-9  
1 Corinthians 10. 1-13  
Luke 13.31-35

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'S</b>	Allan Thomson Ros Thomson	Sarah Davies
<b>READERS</b>	Sue Rowe Allan Thomson	Sarah Davies Tony Rigby
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Sue Rowe	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Alana Bear Ann Winfield	Andrea Findlay Michael Findlay
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTERS</b>	Allan Thomson Ros Thomson	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No flowers in Lent	