

17 SEPTEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	20	9.30am	Kniitting Circle—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	21	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	22	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	24	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

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.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. *Psalm 130.3–4*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 158, 745, 650, 573.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: EXODUS 14. 19-31

Linda Mitchell Teen Church

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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1ST READING: (continued)

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

PSALM 114: (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
- 2. Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**
3. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
- 4. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**
5. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
- 6. O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?**
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8. who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 14. 1-14

Roslyn Thomson Teen Church

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

MATTHEW 18. 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOXES ARE:-

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

SOMETHING TO LOVE Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO WEAR T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc.

(No toothpaste)*

SOMETHING SPECIAL Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- **The Diocese of Sodor & Man - (York, England):** †Peter Eagles
- **The Diocese of the Northern Territory:** †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Warwick:** Rod Winterton, Barbara Diery, Julie Simpson, Rosemary Peterson, Stephanie Frances, Valerie Graydon, Heather Dearden
- **St John's Cathedral Shop**
- **The Southport School:** Headmaster - Greg Wain; Chaplain - Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council - Fraser Perrin; members of School Council

Locally: For all who are travelling at this time.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 17 September 2017

Exodus 14.19-31 or Exodus 15.1-13, 17-18; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35.

We continue to hear Jesus' instruction to the community, as he reminds Peter, as leader of the church, how often he should forgive by telling the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

10,000 denarii was the equivalent to about 200,000 years' wages! How bountiful is our heavenly Father's mercy that he might forgive us, if we only ask. The parable serves as a powerful reminder: we must remember to forgive, as we too are forgiven.

Pray that we might be witnesses of the good news of God's magnanimous forgiveness, and extend that grace to others.

Give thanks for the Anglican Communion Office, and for all the work they do on behalf of Anglicans worldwide.

Text: Jesse Poole

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17 September 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Wednesday 20 September: 9.30am—Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 21 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 22 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 September: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 24 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ **Saturday 7 October: 10am –9.00pm—Bulimba Festival**
- ◇ Sunday 8 October—Connect 2 Veterans—Maheno Room

“UP” Movie Night

A great time was had by all who attended the Teen Church movie night in the Maheno Room Friday 8th September.

\$525.00 raised on the night has been sent off to the Philippines Mission.

Thank you to all who worked to make the night a success.



Fellowship Dinner: Our next Parish Fellowship dinner will be held on Saturday September 30th.

As previously, we will co-ordinate groups of 6 to 8 people to meet in one another's homes for an evening of fun, food and friendship.

Each person offers to provide one of the following: venue, entrée, main or dessert. Drinks are BYO.

A list will be placed at the back of the church for you to indicate that you would like to attend, what you would prefer to provide and your best contact details. A week before the 30th you will be notified of your host and the time and place. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and have a really good time.

Families with children are very welcome and for those who prefer not to drive at night we can try and organise car-pooling. If you have any special food needs please let us know

Please contact Joanne Wood on 3395 7614 or 0408645701 if you have any questions.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 20th September at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday 10th 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 during the playing of 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 Maheno Room. 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):

Not sure when our next stalls will be as the Bulimba Festival is on Saturday 7 October from 10.00am—9.00pm. Keep posted for more information on our involvement in this wonderful local event.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new 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.

Little Children's Church:

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

Next Weeks Readings

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 24 September 2017

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalms 105.1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1. 1-20

Matthew 20.1-16

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Sarah Davies Joanne Wood
READERS	June Parker Allan Thomson	Brian Roy Tony Rigby
DOOR	Stuart Winfield Volunteer	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
TEA / COFFEE	June Parker Alana Bear	Andrea Findlay Michael Findlay
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	
TEEN CHURCH	School Holidays	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays	
FLOWERS	Judith	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$840.00

Yearly giving is \$15,404.65 under budget