

Whole Parish Prayer and Praise Service and Brunch.

Sunday 21st August @ 8.30am

Something a little different to bring us together as a community while Fr Andrew is on holidays.

There will be great hymns, scripture reflections, praise moments, prayers with communion from the reserve sacrament followed by a bacon and eggs bbq and other yummy stuff brunch. **Drop it into your diary now!!**



Andrew will be on leave from the 8th to the 30th of August

GOING DEEPER WITH GOD

A Dinner Conversation Sunday 23rd July @ 6pm

Rev Andrew is hosting the first of a series of informal dinner chats as preparation for our Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Anglican Church candidates in October. **It's not to late to join us if you'd like to go a little deeper in your journey of faith.**

The Guild

Knitting Group

Wednesday 20th @ 9.30am

A fun social morning of craft, chat, connection and love. Bring a friend and any handcraft you like while getting to know some lovely folk!



Children's Church is on this week!!

We will gather again on this Sunday 17th July at 9am. Everyone has had a rest and ready to share the love

of Jesus through story, craft and fun.

We usually have a fun song or two in church as well!

If you'd like a yarn about kids and church, contact Kate Down on kate.down@mail.com or call 0414689669



17th July 2022

7.30AM EUCHARIST

9.00AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

MARY AND MARTHA - A PROTEST

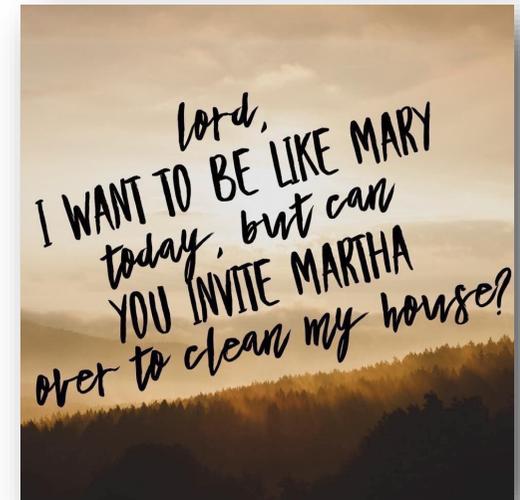
Once again, Jesus of Nazareth,
you offend
our Aussie sense of a fair go.
Martha's our preferred saint,
not your friend
Mary who sits like a drone
when in the end
the boring work must get done.

Once again, Jesus the troubler,
you make light
of all those extra hours
your Marthas still put in
late at night,
while your 'precious' Marys make
it their right
to smile and hand round the cake.
o dismay our righteous ego.

Once again, Jesus the prophet,
you defy
our sense of right and wrong.
It's hard enough already to be
your ally,
without this story which appears
to decry
all our hard work and tears.

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'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'
Luke 10:42



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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
WEDNESDAY	20th	9.30am	Knitting Circle
FRIDAY	22nd	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	24th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 24/7	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Roslyn	Roland
MUSIC	Wendy	Wendy
READER	June	Carmel
INTERCESSOR	Linda M	Keith
MORNING TEA		Caroline
WELCOMERS	Allan & Sue G	Michael S
FLOWERS	Caroline	
CHURCH CLEANING	Sue & Kym	

COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.

Priest-in-Charge

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OUR SERVICE

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.16

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. 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.

First Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a Tony Rigby Michael Smit

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

PSALM 15:

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1.15-29

Tony Rigby Michael Smit

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Gospel: Luke 10.38-42**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**In Memory**

July 18th—July 24th

*Elsie Shirlow (1993) Edna Coffey (2010)**Peter Alan Cameron (1976) Ida Grace Collin (1987)**Kristopher Lee Hembury (2009)***Parish Prayers****The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:****In The World: -**

- ◇ The Episcopal Church
- ◇ The Diocese of the Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Yeronga: Rebecca King
- ◇ Epic Employment Service Incorporated – Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, North Brisbane, Fraser Coast, Capricornia
- ◇ The Southport School, Southport: staff, students and their families.

Locally: We pray for...

- ◇ The leaders and helpers who share the Good News through our Children's and Family's Ministry. May we support this work in prayer and practical help.
- ◇ The outreach to young people through the Scripture Union Chaplains at Bulimba State School and Balmoral High School. May the young people in those schools find in their chaplains the love, encouragement and care they need to thrive.
- ◇ Those impacted by the rise in Covid and Flu infections.

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Ros, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Brenda, Shirley, Reece.

We give thanks for the life of Joan Mary Bland, mother of Robert Bland, who passed away this week. Please pray for Robert and family as they mourn her loss.

Prayer for those with a common cold

God bless those who suffer from the common cold.
 Nature has entered into them;
 Has led them aside and gently lain them low
 To contemplate life from the wayside;
 To consider human frailty;
 To receive the deep and dreamy messages of fever.
 We give thanks for the insights of this humble perspective.
 We give thanks for blessing in disguise. Amen
Michael Leunig





Six reasons hospitality is more important than ever. The readings this week are all about hospitality and welcome. Church consultant Thom Rainer offers the following thoughts...

“We are the friendliest church in town.”

That sentence is the most common statement we hear in churches. Most people active in a church really do think their church is friendly. They have relationships that give them that perceived reality. But when we interview

visitors, we often hear a different story. They often think the members are “unfriendly” or “cliquish.” They don’t have the established relationships members have. They are not familiar with the church facilities. They don’t know what to expect. **Hospitality has always been important but a whole church attitude and practice of welcome is more important today than it’s ever been.**

1. Some church members are returning after a long absence. The pandemic kept them away. Many have returned, but not all have. Some are easing back into church cautiously and slowly. It is critical for every church member to encourage these returning members to get back into a rhythm and habit of gathering regularly.

2. More new guests are arriving. During the pandemic, a number of new residents moved into your community. They have not had an opportunity to visit a church, but they are ready now. For some unchurched people, the angst of the COVID era has them asking questions about God, church, and faith. Some will show up at your church.

3. Context has changed. Yes, the world has changed. The local church is a microcosm of some of the changes of our society. Specifically, the ways we greet people in many contexts have changed. Hugs and handshakes are generally out and hand sanitizers necessary. The need to greet a newcomer intentionally hasn’t changed though.

4. First impressions are more important than ever. The first few moments people arrive on the church property are critical. They could return repeatedly, or they could decide it’s not worth the risk and effort if no one talks to them.

5. Few church members are naturally welcoming to guests. We naturally gravitate to people we know. We may be uncertain if a person is a guest or a member they don’t know. Leaders can exhort church members to be friendly, but the challenge for it to happen will always be there.

6. It is biblical. The importance of hospitality in the Bible is clear and powerful. For example, “When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13). Additionally, Paul’s qualifications for church leaders include hospitality (see 1 Timothy 3:2-3).

[Six Reasons Your Church Welcome Ministry Is More Important Than Ever | Church Answers](#)



Parish Soup Night

6pm Saturday 30th July
in the Maheno Room.

Cost \$10 per person.

A fellowship event hosted by the St John’s Social Committee. Usual sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



New LAs and Servers Gathering

Sunday 31st July after the 9am service
How about joining our crack team of Liturgical Assistants and Servers?

No extra piety needed, just an interest in helping make our worship the best possible experience. All ages and all levels of experience welcome. Have a chat to Fr Andrew or any of our LAs if interested.



An Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation

Practical, non-religious mindfulness and meditation course, offered by Mindfulness Works Australia in the Maheno Room.

MON 8 AUG – MON 29 AUG 4 Monday Evenings

7.30pm – 8.30pm Facilitator: Kate Hubert Tickets \$145 Each

See: [Mindfulness Meditation Courses Brisbane](#) | [MINDFULNESS WORKS AUSTRALIA](#)

Rev Andrew will be offering an Introduction to Christian Meditation and Contemplation in October... watch this space

Help Needed: Projects and Events

We are working on how we utilize our assets like the Maheno and Coxen Rooms more effectively and need someone to give us a hand for a few hours a week to work with Rev Andrew to investigate some possibilities. **Strictly short term, project based...**

Someone with some basic computer confidence to do some online research in the first instance. Could be a parishioner or someone you know with some time and interest. **Have a chat with Andrew for more details.**

