

18 AUGUST 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SONG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	21	9.30am	Knitting Circle—Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	22	9.30am	Mah-jong— Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	23	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	25	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

### 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.

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

*Jeremiah 23.29*

**HYMNS: 7.30 TIS: 368, 635, 216, 215.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**1ST READING: JEREMIAH 23. 23-29**

SUSAN ROWE TEEN CHURCH

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**PSALM 80.1-2, 8-19:** (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2. **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**
8. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
9. **You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

**PSALM:** (continued)

10. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;  
**11. it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.**
12. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- 13. The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.**
14. Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,  
**15. the stock that your right hand planted.**
16. They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- 17. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**
18. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
- 19. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**2ND READING: HEBREWS 11.29-12.2**

LINDA MITCHELL TEEN CHURCH

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 12. 49-56**

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

### **SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST**

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John's. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work has begun. Please see the information leaflet which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest. As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime, a "locum" or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Father Lindsay Howie, who will conduct the regular Friday and Sunday services as usual. He will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa:** †Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa
- ⇒ **The Diocese of North Queensland:** †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Booval:** Christopher Bate, Brian Hughes, Geoff Sampson
- ⇒ **Kirami Residential Aged Care – Hervey Bay**
- ⇒ **The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield:** Acting Head of College – Wendy Ashley-Cooper; Chaplain – Erika Williams; Chair of College Council – Tim Reid; members of College Council; staff & students

**Locally.** We pray for our local emergency services; our police, ambulance paramedics and firefighters and we thank you for their protection, courage and compassion.

**Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Drew, Kerry, Dawn, Andrew, Joseph.**

*(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)*

### IN MEMORY, AUGUST 18-24

IVY MARTHA DENNISON, 2005; PETER ANDREW CROOKE, 2006;

ETHEL EMMIE BEDFORD, 1995.

### Prayer for our New Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## Parish Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573 if you wish to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

### SOCIAL CLUB—COFFEE, CAKE AND HISTORY EVENING

Our next Social Club event is on Friday 30th August and is an evening of Cake, Coffee (and tea) and a talk by Russell and Robert Turner on the history of our church building and parish. Russell and Robert wrote a history of the church many years ago and have continued to collect stories and photos.

Tickets will be \$10 each, on sale in church on Sunday August 11, 18 and 25.

The evening will begin at 7.30 pm. We will be delighted to arrange a lift for anyone who prefers not to drive at night.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is a reminder to those who prepare shoeboxes of gifts for children overseas that the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is back. Collection of boxes and donations will be in October and our church will be collecting as many boxes and items as possible. Please see the information at the back of the church for details.

### **Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions**



Sunday 18 August— Pentecost 10

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12.49-56

Our New Testament readings today encourage us to persevere in faithfulness to Jesus despite any suffering because of opposition, which can come even from family members.

Jesus also urges us to 'judge.....what is right' and make our peace with God now rather than suffering the penalty of God's judgment (which the people of Judah were also warned about in the 1st Reading).

Give thanks for those whose actions have been inspired by their faith, and pray for God's 'power' to follow their example.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Text: The Rev Ross Cameron, Diocese of Brisbane

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## **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 21st August, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 10th September 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 morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 25th August. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall.

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

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

## **AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CALENDARS FOR 2020**

An order form for these calendars can be found at the back of the church. Expected price is \$12.50 and the Parish will place orders at the end of October.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Psalm 71.1-6

Hebrews 12.18-29

Luke 13.10-17

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.S</b>	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Sarah Davies
<b>READERS</b>	Vanessa Hanlon Roslyn Thomson	Volunteers
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Volunteers please	Andrea Findlay Michael Findlay
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Caroline	

#### **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.

**Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.**