

19 NOVEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	23	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	24	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	25	9.00am— sold out	Election Day Stalls and Sausage Sizzle -Church Lawn
SUNDAY	26	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:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 158, 611, 376, 547.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: JUDGES 4. 1-10

Georgina Greenhill Teen Church

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" ' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

PSALM 123 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
2. **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.**
3. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
4. **Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5. 1-11

Susan Rowe Louise Tervitt

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25.14-30

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

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GOSPEL: (CONTINUED)

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS & SINGERS

Do you like to play and sing with others?

St. John's will be hosting 'Carols by Candlelight' this year!

We would love you to join us in ministering with your instrument and voices, for this event.

If you are able to join us and help this event be musically amazing, please contact me by 18th November via Mobile: 0415 227 203 or email: hgreaver@hotmail.com. by 18th November.

Proposed date: 10 December 2017

Start time: 6pm

Mission to Seafarers:

Now is the time to think of seafarers far from home at Christmas time and make up a Christmas bag for delivery to the Mission at the Port of Brisbane. Suggestions for the bags are:- men's, socks, jocks & toiletries.

If you are not able to do a bag, please bring your donated items and put them at the back of the Church or give them or your cash to purchase items to Peg or Colin Gladstone.

Collection time is from now until mid November.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ **The Diocese of Uyo - (Niger Delta, Nigeria):** †Prince Asukwo Antai
- ◇ **The Diocese of North West Australia:** †Gary Nelson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Gympie:** Ingrid Busk - Locum, Bruce Dorman, Kevin Lewis, Ann Shepperson
- ◇ **Abri, Residential Aged Care Facility**
- ◇ **Toowoomba Anglican & Prep School, Toowoomba:** Head of School - Simon Lees; Student Chaplain - Zoe Browne; Chair of School Council - Hugh Rose; members of School Council

Locally: For our locally elected members and those standing for election.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, 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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 19 November 2017

Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Another parable on being prepared – the focus today is on being ‘trustworthy’, the Greek word is also translated faithful. Being trustworthy and faithful is the way of being prepared for the return of the Master. Now, the end of the reading is very alarming – those who have nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. This is a hard saying – but do we not observe this happening all around us? Those who are rich in things, material and even in things spiritual, become richer. Those who are poor, become poorer.

Pray that we might be empowered to be faithful and trustworthy.

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

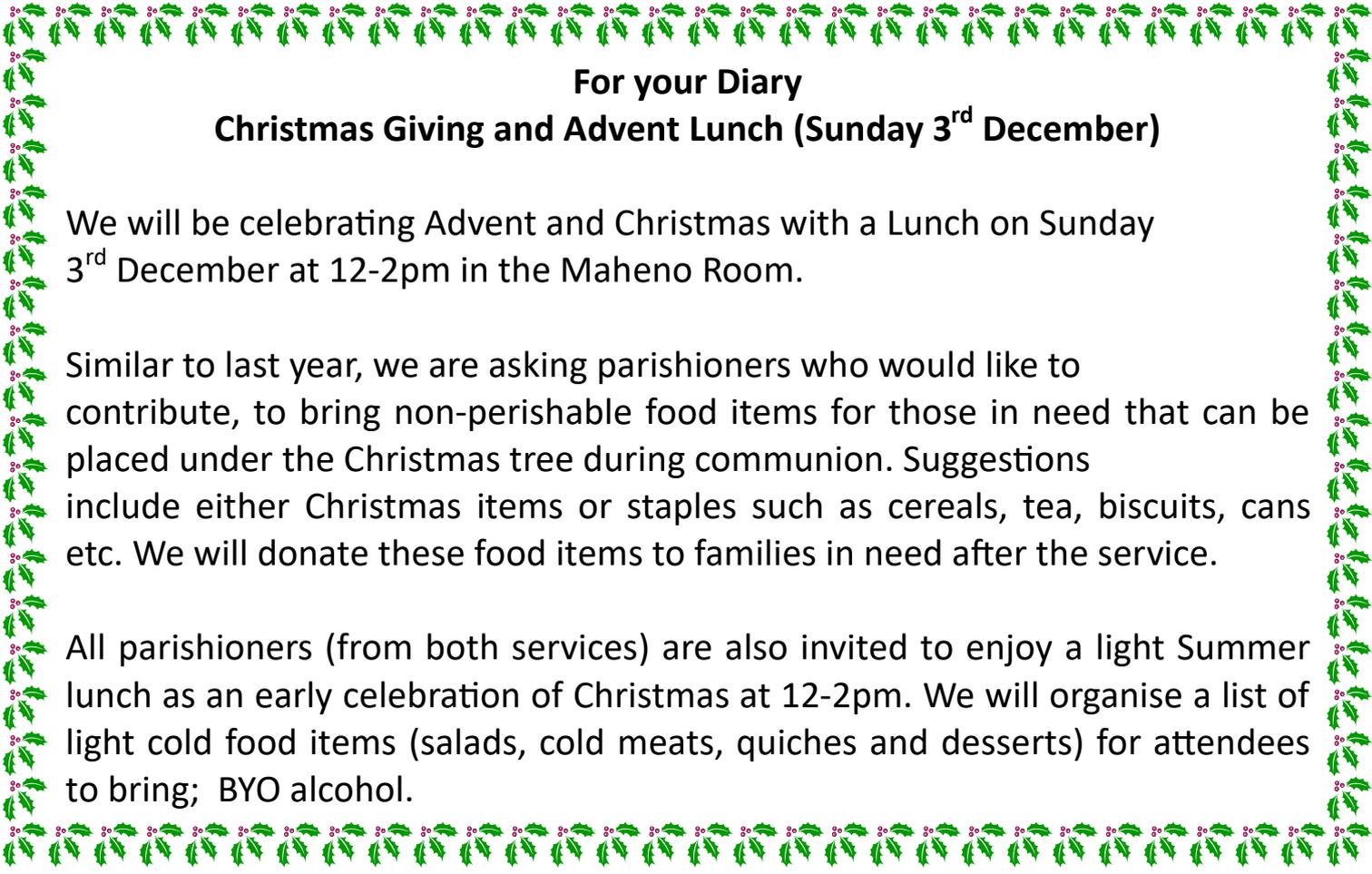
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19 November 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Thursday 23 November: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 24 November: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 25 November: - Election Day Stalls and Sausage Sizzle
- ◇ Sunday 26 November: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 26 November: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 2 December: 10.00am—Reverend Jamee's Priesting—Cathedral
- ◇ Sunday 3 December: 12-2pm—Little Children's Church Christmas Party & Parish Christmas Lunch –Maheno Room



For your Diary

Christmas Giving and Advent Lunch (Sunday 3rd December)

We will be celebrating Advent and Christmas with a Lunch on Sunday 3rd December at 12-2pm in the Maheno Room.

Similar to last year, we are asking parishioners who would like to contribute, to bring non-perishable food items for those in need that can be placed under the Christmas tree during communion. Suggestions include either Christmas items or staples such as cereals, tea, biscuits, cans etc. We will donate these food items to families in need after the service.

All parishioners (from both services) are also invited to enjoy a light Summer lunch as an early celebration of Christmas at 12-2pm. We will organise a list of light cold food items (salads, cold meats, quiches and desserts) for attendees to bring; BYO alcohol.

Reverend Jamee's Priesting

Reverend Jamee-Lee Callard is to be Priested at St. John's Cathedral Ann Street Brisbane Saturday 2nd December 2017 at 10.00am.

The Parish can arrange for Maxi Taxis to come to the Church's carpark and take 10 people per taxi to the Cathedral .

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to go to this special event.

The Taxi will be ordered for 9.00am so if you are coming please be here before that time.

A Taxi will be arranged for your return after the ceremony.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is in February 2018.

St. John's Guild:

The Guild Christmas Hoy and luncheon is on Tuesday 5th December in the Maheno Room. Starting at 10.30am with Hoy, followed at 11.50am with the drawing of the Christmas Raffle. A light luncheon will be served at 12noon. The final Guild meeting (no Hoy) will be on Tuesday 12th December in the Maheno Room at 10.00am

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):

Our last stalls for this year will be 25 November Election Day which will be our Christmas Stalls. We will also be having a sausage sizzle on the 25th November and if you are able to help on the stalls in any way there are rosters at the back of the Church. Any donations toward buying the sausages and bread would be greatly appreciated. If you usually buy from our cake stall on the Sunday and would like to pre-order to pay and collect on the Sunday. Please put your information on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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:

This morning's lesson is based on the parable of the three servants, but is re-told for the young children as a story about three workers and their important work. We will be learning that everyone's work is important.

Little Children's Church Christmas Party

On Sunday 3 December, we will be combining the Little Children's Church Christmas party with the parish Christmas and Advent Lunch. There will be activities for the younger children as part of the lunch.

Next Weeks Readings

The Last Sunday after Pentecost The Reign of Christ the King Sunday 26 November 2017

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24;
Psalm 100 or 95.1-7;
Ephesians 1.15-23;
Matthew 25.31-46

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'S	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Sarah Davies Joanne Wood
READERS	Don Hann Roslyn Thomson	Michael Smit Brian Roy
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Susan Rowe	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
TEA / COFFEE	June Parker Alana Bear	Andrea and Michael Findlay
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	
TEEN CHURCH		
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Andrea, Michael Findlay, Laura	
FLOWERS	Elaine	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;
Last Week \$1,515.40
Yearly giving is \$19,579.80. under budget**