

2 APRIL 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	4	8.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Parish Council—Maheno Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8	8.00am	Decorate Church with Palms
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	9	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

***When the bell rings before a service -  
please pause in silence to say this prayer in your heart:***

Grant, O Lord, that this bell may sound the good news of your salvation; may its ringing summon the faithful to worship, and stir all who hear it to love and serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

*John 11. 25-26*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 600, 535, 407, 209.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Live-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: EZEKIEL 37.1-14

June Parker Brian Roy

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

**Psalm 130** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
2. **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**
3. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
4. **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**
5. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
6. **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**
7. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
8. **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 8.6-11**

Margaret Salter Sarah Davies

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 11.1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

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**GOSPEL:**      *(CONTINUED)*

The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World: -*

**The Diocese of Mityana - (Uganda):** †Stephen Kaziimba

**The Diocese of Adelaide:** †Timothy Harris (Administrator), †Chris McLeod; Clergy & People

#### *In The Diocese:*

**The Parish of Pittsworth:** Garth Shaw

**Anglicare SQ Multicultural Program**

**Anglican Church Grammar School:** Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplains - Bryan Gadd & Ian Mundy; Chair of School Council - Daniel O'Connor and School Council

**Locally:** All those affected by the recent weather system.

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

*(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 Fifth Sunday in Lent– Sunday 2 April 2017

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45.

Despite the danger of being stoned by the authorities, Jesus is intent on going to Judea. He does this in order to fulfil God's mission, which is that Lazarus should be restored to health, and fullness of life. Jesus is not deterred by the danger but sees it as an opportunity to show God's power at work in the world. Martha responds to Jesus' declaration that he is the Resurrection by proclaiming her belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. She did this even before Lazarus had emerged from the tomb alive.

Pray that you will find opportunities to show others where God is working in the world today.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Text: Robert McLean Partnerships Coordinator, ABM © Anglican Board of Mission, 2017

## **2 April 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary**

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**. Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Tuesday 4 April: 7.30pm—Parish Council -Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 6 April:9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 7 April : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 8 April: 8.00am—Decorate Church for Palm Sunday
- ◇ Sunday 9 April : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist—Starting in the Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 9 April : 9.00am—Family Eucharist—Starting in the Maheno Room

### **WHAT WE DO**

#### **Little Children's Church:**

Little Children's Church is currently having a break for the school holidays. 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.

#### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 19th April at 9.30 am.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 11th 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 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 at the back of the Church. 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):**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our stalls last Sunday. Despite looking very overcast it stayed fine for us to raise \$842 for the Parish. Our next cake and book stalls are on Sunday 23rd April.

# SONGS FROM THE TRENCHES CONCERT

Sunday April 30, 2.00pm-5.00pm

St. John's Anglican Church, Bulimba



The 'Toc H Anzac Concert - Songs from the trenches is on at St John's on Sunday April 30. Don't miss out. Tickets are on sale now via [www.trybooking.com/PKSU](http://www.trybooking.com/PKSU). Our well known, award winning, Brisbane home grown musician, Francesca de Valence has put together a wonderful concert that we would really appreciate your support and attendance to. It's for a worthwhile cause to ensure Toc H Northern Region can continue to do the fine community work it does. This includes the Ekka day out where since 1927 we have taken hospitalised children and those from low socio-economic means for a day out to the Ekka. Last year we had over 250 children. Then there's the Queensland Children's Hospital Easter effort from our Toc H St Margaret's Anglican Girls School branch just to mention a couple. The list goes on.

But to do this work and to remain viable today, we have to undertake fund-raising. Hence the concert.

So what is Toc H? Toc H was founded by Queensland born army chaplain Tubby Clayton in WW1 to provide an escape for our men in the trenches on the Western Front. Despite it starting in Talbot House in the little Belgium village of Poperinghe just miles from Ypres, it grew into a huge charitable movement after the war and continues with branches and chapters in the UK, Australia, Belgium, France, South Africa and India today.

If you have a few minutes spare, refer to the Northern Region website for which Tony Rigby and Shirley Patton sit on the executive.

<http://www.tochnorthernregion.org/> It provides the history of Toc H and what they do today locally.

## Next Weeks Readings

The Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday

Sunday 9 April 2017

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalms 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Matthew 27.11-54.

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Peter Johnston Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
<b>READERS</b>	Linda Mitchell Allan Thomson	Michael Smit Judith Hancock
<b>DOOR</b>	Stuart Winfield Margaret Salter	Bob and Glenda Lee
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	Dorothy Cameron June Parker	
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	School Holidays	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	School Holidays	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No flowers during Lent	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1679.55**

**A deficit of \$95.45**

**Yearly giving is \$5049.15 under budget**