

2 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TODAY'S SERVICES

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	4	7.30pm	Parish Council—Maheno Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>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:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

*James 1.17*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 50, 48, 396, 187.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 1ST READING: SONG OF SONGS 2.8-13

SUSAN ROWE JOANNE WOOD

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

### PSALM 45.1-2, 6-9 (*verses said alternately between reader and congregation*)

1. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
2. **You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you for ever.**
6. Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever. Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;
7. **you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;**

**PSALM 45.1-2, 6-9** *(continued)*

8. your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
9. **daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

**2ND READING: JAMES 1.17-27**

LINDA MITCHEL LAURA BENTLEY

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



Donations and weekly offerings can now be made with credit cards at all services.

The iPad is located at the back of the Church if you wish to pay in this way.

## **GOSPEL: MARK 7.1-8, 14-15,21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### **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.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World:

- ⇒ **The Anglican Church of South America**, †Gregory James Venables Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Adelaide**: †Geoff Smith, †Timothy Harris, †Chris McLeod; Clergy & People

#### In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Laidley**: Bob Blackburn – Locum, Bill Ross
- ⇒ **Brisbane Women’s Correctional Centre**: Sue Wilton
- ⇒ **Anglican Church Grammar School**: Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplain - Bryan Gadd; Chair of School Council - Daniel O’Connor, members of School Council; staff and students

**Locally:** All fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew.

*(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 2 September 2018

Song of Songs 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

Today’s Psalm is a wedding song, and is addressed to a king. Nonetheless we mere commoners can all be exhorted to ‘ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice’. Our God is one who prefers that, rather than our filling our hearts with the evils of ‘fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride and folly’.

Pray for those who work to establish truth and to do justice, especially those in the forensic, police and legal professions.

Pray for the Daehan Song Gong Hoe, the Anglican Church of Korea, giving thanks for the work they do to further God’s mission in the world.

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## 2nd September 2018 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- \* Tuesday 4 September: 7.30pm-Parish Council—Maheno room
- \* Thursday 6 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- \* Friday 7 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- \* Sunday 9 September : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- \* Sunday 9 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

### **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.

**If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.**

### **Reverend Jamee's New Appointment.**

As announced by Father John last Sunday the Archbishop has appointed Reverend Jamee as part-time locum to the Parish of Manly.

This Sunday 2nd September will be her last Sunday with us and a morning tea after the 9.00am Service will give us a chance to wish her well.

Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Reverend Jamee will be back on 3 November when we celebrate our 130th Anniversary.

## **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 19th September, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 11th 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 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 Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

Our cake stall last Sunday raised \$584.40 which goes to make up the shortfall in our givings. Our next cake stall is on Sunday 23rd September.

### **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.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 9 September 2018

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2.1-10, 14-17

Mark 7.24-37

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Peter Johnson Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
<b>READERS</b>	Georgina Greenhill Ruth Southgate	Sarah Davies O'Mezie Ekwuds
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob & Glenda Lee Lisa Hooper
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Romani Family
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTERS</b>	Pam Ganly June Parker	

<b>FLOWERS</b>	Judith
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**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1975/Week;**

**Last Week \$ 1221.45**

**Yearly shortfall \$ 24,788.35**