

21 FEBRUARY 2016 - TODAY'S SERVICES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Second Sunday in Lent

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	24	7.00pm	Bible Study—Coxen Room
THURSDAY	25	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	27	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	28	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:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3.20*

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 243, 469, 338, 188.

9.00am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 474, 59, 599, 142

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and to out into the unknown: Endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: GENESIS 15. 1-12, 17-18

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After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

PSALM 27 (verses to be said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strong hold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2. When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.**
3. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**
5. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- 6. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**
7. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8. 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.**
9. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
- 10. If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**
11. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- 12. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**
13. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- 14. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13. 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me,* "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when* you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Connect 2 Veterans Afternoon Tea:

TODAY 21ST FEBRUARY 3.00-4.30PM IN THE MAHENO ROOM

Transport can be organized if needed.

Contact Emma on 0407 384 470

Not just for Veterans, any shutins or elderly you know please invite them along.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America:**
+Sturdie Downs Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua
- ♦ **The Diocese of Rockhampton:** +David Robinson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Samford:** Nicole Anderson
- ♦ **Archbishop's Examining Chaplains**
- ♦ **All Saints Anglican School:** Headmaster - Patrick Wallas; Chaplain - Ann McGuinness; Chair of School Council - John Fradgley; members of School Council

Locally: For our newly elected, Church wardens, Parish Nominators and Councillors.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Helen, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda.

(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 Second Sunday in Lent– Sunday 21 February 2016

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.7-4.1; Luke

As we journey through Lent we might find ourselves with the keen awareness that our God is a God of journeys. In our readings from today we see two journeys – one of Abraham from Ur to Canaan, and the other of Jesus and a handful of his disciples going up Mount Tabor. In both cases God is bringing his servants away from what is familiar and taking them to unfamiliar places, and often it can be scary for them. We know that ultimately they were strengthened by the experience in their faith. When God calls us out of our familiar surroundings we should take heart knowing that he is with us and we will ultimately be strengthened by our journey.

Pray for all those who God has called to difficult ministries, callings and occupations.

Give thanks for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, remembering especially the Most Rev Ng Moon Hing as he is installed as Primate of the Church tomorrow.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston, Assistant Curate,

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21 February 2016 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.

- ◇ Wednesday 24 February : 7.00pm—Bible Study—Coxen Room
- ◇ Thursday 25 February : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 26 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 February : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

On Sunday at the AGM the following people were elected by the parish onto council.

Tony Rigby, Annabelle Simpson, Michael Smit, Joanne Wood, Ann Winfield, Wendy Bastow.

The rector placed onto council. The following:

Elizabeth O'Flaherty, Peter Johnston, Dorothy Cameron

Parish council meets on the second Wednesday of each month except January. Would each councilor please let the rector know which portfolio they would like to maintain before the first meeting in March.

Youth
Church maintenance
Music
Art
Fund raising
Bookstall
Social events
Baptism follow-up

It will also be necessary to fill the position of Parish Council Secretary at the first meeting.

Fr John

WHAT WE DO

Children's Church:

Each Sunday during Lent, the older children will be learning about a spiritual practice and will be encouraged to take this practice up at home. This morning's lesson is all about God's promise to Abraham and Sarah – so this week's spiritual practice is to gaze at the stars and give thanks to God!

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us. We meet in two groups:

Children's Church – for children in Year 3 to Year 7

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Year 2, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, there is no group meeting in January or February, they will meet again on 16 March 2016.

St. John's Guild:

The first Hoy and Morning Tea will be on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, they would like some more participants, so please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm at the back of the Church, and would love to have some more members. 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 next cake and book stalls will be on Saturday 19th March 2016 which is Election Day. As our Maheno Room is used for voting, we will have our stalls set up on the lawn. This is also the week before Easter so please keep this in mind when baking and decorating. Cards with the Easter Services are available to use on your goods to advise our service times for the Holy Week.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday 28 February 2016

Isaiah 55.1-9
Psalm 63.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.1-9

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	ROLAND SOWERBY LAURA BENTLEY
READERS	KAREN BLAND SUSAN ROWE	PAUL DAVIS VERA DAVIS
INTERCESSOR	ROBERT BLAND	SARAH DAVIES
DOOR	LIONEL ROWE SUSAN ROWE	LAURIE THOMSON MICHAEL SMIT
TEA / COFFEE	JUNE PARKER PAM GANLY	ANDREA AND MICHAEL FINDLAY
OFFERTORY COUNTER	ALLAN THOMSON ROSLYN THOMSON	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DOROTHY/MICHAEL	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	ANDREA/LYN	
FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1274.50