

21 MAY 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	23	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	24	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>THURSDAY</b>	25	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	26	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SATURDAY</b>	27	3.15pm	Walker/Gresty Wedding
<b>SUNDAY</b>	28	7.30am 9.00am 10am—noon	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Cake & Book Stalls

***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:

‘Those who love me will keep my word, ‘ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’ *John 14.23*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 517, 398, 216, 369.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: ACTS 17.22-31

Ann Winfield Children’s Church

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

**PSALM 66. 7-19** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

7. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nation let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

**8. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,**

9. who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**10. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

11. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

**12. you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

13. I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows,

**14. those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

15. I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**16. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.**

17. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

**18. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**

19. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**SECOND READING: : 1 PETER 3. 8-22**

Georgina Greenhill Children's Church

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey,  
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## **SECOND READING: *(continued)***

when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 14. 15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

### ***Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer***

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World: -*

- **The Diocese of Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria):** †Christian Ebisike
- **Diocese of Riverina:** †Rob Gillion; Clergy and People

#### *In The Diocese:*

- **The Parish of Beaudesert: Tony Swansson**
- **Anglicare SQ Nalingu Respite Centre**
- **All Saints Anglican School:** Headmaster - Patrick Wallas; Chaplains - Ann McGuinness & Debra Tedman; Chair of School Council - John Fradgley; members of School Council

**Locally:** For all suffering from domestic violence.

**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, Ethan, Kirby Family.

*(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 Sixth Sunday of Easter– Sunday 21 May 2017

Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-19; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21.

Jesus says to us today: If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Yet how often do we fall short of loving God and loving neighbour? How often are we slack to attend to prayer and worship, annihilating our own spiritual lives? How many times do we fall into gossip and backstabbing, creating hurt in our own parish community? May we turn from our wickedness and live. Lord, may the world know we are your disciples by the love we show to each other!

Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to focus on our interior prayer lives, and to build up our parishes to be welcoming and transforming communities.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Text: Robert McLean

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## 21 May 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.

- ◇ Thursday 25 May: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 26 May : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 27 May: 3.15pm—Walker/Gresty Wedding
- ◇ Sunday 28 May : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 28 May : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

### **Fellowship Dinner:**

Our next Parish Fellowship dinner will be held on Saturday June 3rd.

As previously, we will co-ordinate groups of 6 to 8 people to meet in one another's homes for an evening of fun, food and friendship. Each person offers to provide one of the following: venue, entrée, main or dessert. Drinks are BYO.

A list will be placed at the back of the church to indicate if you would like to attend and what you would prefer to provide. A week before the 3rd June you will be notified of your host and the time and place. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and have a really good time.

Families with children are very welcome and for those who prefer not to drive at night we can try and organise car-pooling. If you have any special food needs please let us know

Please contact Joanne Wood on 3395 7614 or 0408645701 if you have any questions.

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**Fundraising Morning Tea**  
**Pentecost 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Straight after 9.00am service**

Bring your unwanted prescription glasses



Supporting mission for the homeless in the Philippines

Caroline and Samuel Daunton are taking the raised funds to the Phillipines on mission for building homes for the homeless.

If anyone has any unwanted prescription glasses please bring them along to the morning tea fundraiser as they may be invaluable for those who cannot afford optometry and there will be room in the Dauntons suitcase.

## WHAT WE DO

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is on Wednesday 21st June at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

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

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 13th June 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):**

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 28th May . The people manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

*Thank you*

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

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. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

## Next Weeks Readings

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28 May 2017

Acts 1.6-14

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 5

John 17.1-11

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Sarah Davies Joanne Wood
<b>READERS</b>	Margaret O'Kearney June Parker	Paul Davis Vera Davis
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Susan Rowe	Laurie Thomson Michael Smit
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	June Parker Pam Ganly	Andrea Findlay Michael Findlay
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>		
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Kylie, Michael Findlay, Laura	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Judith	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1500.40**

**A deficit of \$274.60**

**Yearly giving is \$6784.05 under budget**