

22 MARCH 2020 - TODAY'S SERVICES

MOTHERING SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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WEDNESDAY	25	7.00pm	Lenten Study-Church
THURSDAY	26	9.30am	Mah-jong—HAS BEEN SUSPENDED
FRIDAY	27	10.00am 11.00am	Eucharist—SUSPENDED Lenten Study
ELECTION DAY SATURDAY	28	8.00am	Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle CANCELLED
SUNDAY	29	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist—SUSPENDED Family Eucharist—SUSPENDED

**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED**

The Archbishop has instructed (Ad Clerum dated 20 March 2020) that all public worship services are to be suspended until further notice, effective from Monday 23rd March.

We will continue to issue Pew Bulletins via email. Please read the notices inside this Bulletin carefully.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord, 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

*John 8.12*

**HYMNS: 7.30. MP: 449, 988, 445, 486.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: As the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: SAMUEL 16: 1-13

LINDA MITCHELL    BRIAN ROY

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by.

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**FIRST READING:** *(continued)*

And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**PSALM 23:** (say all together)

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
- 2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- 3. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**
- 4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**
- 5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**2ND READING: EPHESIANS 5: 8-14**

ANN WINFIELD      MICHAEL SMIT

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

## GOSPEL: JOHN. 9: 1-41

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

# LENT REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

## *Believe in the Son of Man*

Spend some time reading over the apostles creed (and the Nicene and Athanasian creeds too if desired) on pages 58 and 59 APBA (rubrics item #22)

How does belief work in your life?

Does believing in things give them power or agency over you?

What might it be like to profess complete belief in Jesus as Lord and Saviour?

Try and write your own creed together as a group. As you do this discuss what would you keep from the Church creeds and why? What would you change and why?

Reflect on what your creed says about the kind of ministry you do together at your Church.

### Prayer for our New Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

The selection process for a new Parish Priest is continuing. The Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies welcome any input of suggested names. Please pray the Prayer as here and seek God's direction for our parish in your prayers.

We welcome the Reverend Jamee-Lee Callard back to our Parish as our Intentional Interim Minister who will lead us as we continue in our search for a new Parish Priest.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

### Parish Prayers

#### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

##### IN THE WORLD: -

- ◆ **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui:** †Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island
- ◆ **The Diocese of Rockhampton:** Vacant; Clergy and People

##### ◆ IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ◆ **The Parish of Pittsworth:** Frances Andrews
- ◆ **Abri Residential Aged Care – Gold Coast**
- ◆ **St John's College UQ:** Rose Alwyn – Warden; Chaplain – Ceri Wynne; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

**Locally.** We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19, for local people who are ill or isolated, for local businesses which are struggling financially, and for ourselves and our ministry to the people of Bulimba parish.

**Pray for The Sick:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Linda, Elizabeth, Bernie, Don.

*(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)*

#### IN MEMORY, MARCH 22– MARCH 28

THOMAS NUGENT, 1985; FLORENCE FLETCHER, 1991; IVY PENNY, 1988; SANDY MUIR, 2008;

AILSA CANNON, 2019.

## GOODNA GOODS DRIVE FOR EASTER

Once again we have the opportunity to share our love in a very practical way by collecting more goods for the Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministries to be distributed just after Easter to those in need. There will be a particularly high demand for welfare services at this time.

The Rev'd Bronwyn; Priest in Charge of Goodna Anglican parish has listed the following as needed items:

"GAWM highly values direct donations alongside the government funding we receive. This is because we can then disburse some assistance to vulnerable people who do not meet the criteria for the government-sourced funds. I checked with our GAWM team and they suggested the following types of items would be most valuable to collect (although we very much welcome general dry / canned / bottled goods as well)."

- \* Women's sanitary items,
- \* Nappies (all sizes),
- \* Baby items (soap, powder, non-scented wipes etc),
- \* Washing powder/liquid (for clothes),
- \* Dishwashing detergent,
- \* Toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap/liquid soap, disposable razors),
- \* Toilet paper (I know I know!!)(but we have only 18 rolls left!).
- \* Vegemite/Promite/Marmite (any size).

We in Bulimba will co-ordinate the collection of items on Easter Day and organize for them to be taken to GAWM for distribution. You can leave items in the church (near the altar where the Christmas tree stands). We would like a volunteer with a ute or large vehicle to take our collected goods to Goodna. We hope to make this a regular collection so that we can continue to support the needy in our region, and support the tireless work of our Goodna Anglican family.

**This ministry will be even more important now as people lose income from employment. We are trying to keep the church building open for visitors and you can bring your items for donation and put them behind the altar. Every little bit helps.**

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES ALL SUSPENDED

Palm Sunday	5th April	7.30am	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
		9.00am	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
Maundy Thursday	9th April	7.00pm	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
Good Friday	10th April	10.00am	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
Holy Saturday	11th April	12noon	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
Easter Day	12th April	7.30am	<b>SUSPENDED</b>
		9.00 am	<b>SUSPENDED</b>

## WHAT WE DO

**Knitting Circle: St Johns' Guild; Hoy; Mah-Jong; Little Children's Church; Teen Church**

All these activities are suspended until further notice. We will notify parishioners of any activities we can introduce or continue which meet the strict safety and social-distancing requirements of the Diocese.

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

The Cake Stall and Election Day Sausage Sizzle planned for March 28th have been cancelled due to virus concerns.. We apologise if you have been making cakes and preserves and hope that they can be kept for another stall, whenever that might be.

## PASTORAL CARE AND PHONE TREE

It is most important that we look after one another during these uncertain and unsettling times. Our Parish is setting up a Pastoral Care Ministry (to support those who are self-isolating or who are sick) and a Phone Tree so that we can have small groups calling and supporting one another. To assist this we need to be sure that we have your current phone number, email address and home address. Please supply these to the Parish Office by email or on the list of names in the church. Then we can form small groups of five who will ring and check in with one another regularly. Rev Jamee will be ringing everyone in our Parish contact list in the next few weeks so we need your current preferred phone number.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to help and support all of our parishioners and other local people who need help. We will pray for those who are sick and help with groceries, medications and any other practical needs we can.



### **Pastoral care in time of need:**

The community of St John's is committed to caring for one another in both good times and bad. In light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak, pastoral care ministry may be even more significant than usual. A Care group is forming to respond to the needs of our community and can be greatly assisted by members of the parish notifying the parish office (via phone 33991508 or email [office@stjohnsbulimba.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbulimba.org)) if they are unwell, isolated in quarantine, in need of a visit, grocery support, or phone conversation.

Please don't suffer silently, reach out and share in the compassion that Jesus calls us to engage in wholeheartedly so that we can support one another.

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday 29 March 2020**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11: 1-45

## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER RESOURCES**

**Prayer Books: If you need a prayer book please feel free to take one from the church cupboard for use at home. Please sanitise it before use. It contains daily services, prayers for special occasions and much more.**

**If you wish to order your own (A Prayer Book for Australia from Broughton Publishing) go to Koorong ([koorong.com.au](http://koorong.com.au)).**

**Devotional Material Online: See the Wednesday Weekly for links to Sunday Devotions ([anglicanfocus.org.au/category/front-page/spirituality/sunday-devotions/](http://anglicanfocus.org.au/category/front-page/spirituality/sunday-devotions/)).**

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

**Weekly Offering:** It is more important than ever that your promised weekly tithing continue. We still have all of our usual parish expenses but will not have an offering plate or fundraising. If possible please set up a weekly deduction into the Parish bank account (BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573. Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish).

**The Parish Office will still be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please contact by email or phone (leave a message), or you can ring Rev Jamee direct for urgent matters (0452 338 933).**

**Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.**