

22 SEPTEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	26	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	27	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	29	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:

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8.9*

HYMNS: 7.30 TIS: 650, 454, 560, 626.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: AMOS 8. 4-7

JUNE PARKER DAVID DOWN

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

PSALM 79:1-9 (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- 2. They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**
3. They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
- 4. We have become a taunt to our neighbours, mocked and derided by those around us.**
5. How long, O Lord? Will you be angry for ever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
- 6. Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.**
7. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
- 8. Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.**
9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

2ND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2.1-10

MARGARET SALTER KATE DOWN

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16.1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John’s. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work has begun. Please see the information leaflet which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest .

As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime, a “locum” or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Father Lindsay Howie, who will conduct the regular Friday and Sunday services as usual. He will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest. If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Church of the Province of Uganda:** †Stanley Ntagali - Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Rockhampton:** †David Robinson; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Goodna: Bronwyn Pagram, Graham Frizzell, Thomas Gray**
- ⇒ **Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, Brisbane South (Logan)**
- ⇒ **St John's College UQ:** Rose Alwyn – Warden Designate; Chaplain – Ceri Wynne; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

Baptism: Today we welcome Sienna McVinish who comes to be baptised with her parents, Andrew and Deahne, her family and friends.

Locally. We pray for those at life's end; that they may find hope in the Gospel and the promise of eternal life. We pray for those who sit and watch over them and give thanks for their care and compassion.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Dawn, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth.

(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)

Prayer for our New Rector

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.

Parish Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573 if you wish to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many of you faithfully pack a shoebox for children overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are collected in October, and Samaritan's Purse co-ordinates their delivery at Christmas to children in developing countries who would otherwise not hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting shoeboxes, and items to go in them, at the back of the church to take to collections centre. If you cannot fill a box please donate suitable items to go in a box. Suitable things to go in a box are something to wear, something to love (soft toy etc), something for school (pencil case with pencils, crayons, sharpener etc), a toy or game to play with; hygiene items such as toothbrushes and comb, and something special (stickers, sunglasses, hair clips). Please do not include anything war or violence related, any food items such as sweets, anything breakable or anything which might leak such as toothpaste. Please go to the website to register and pay for your box delivery (\$10 per box) and to print labels for boy/girl and age group.

Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions



Sunday 22 September 2019– Pentecost 15

Jeremiah 8.18 – 9.1; Psalm 79.1-9; either 1 Timothy 2.1-10 or 1 Timothy 3.14 – 4.6; Luke 16.1-13

Today's Gospel is somewhat mind bending, with a 'wealth' of facets – relating to wealth. The master sacked his manager because of his dishonesty but could not help admiring his ingenuity in seeking to ensure his material future. Jesus' point is that his disciples (including us) are called to practise the same kind of single-mindedness in spiritual matters, including generosity towards others – accumulating 'true riches' through growing in our relationship with the Lord, compared with the wealth of this world, which is 'dishonest' because it can fool us into a false security where we are depending on it as central to our lifestyle. The fact is that the wealth of this world is really only an 'add-on' to our lives – useful for this life only. Give thanks for the wealth of resources God provides, and pray that you may serve God with your 'wealth'.

Pray for ABM's networking partner, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), based in the United States.

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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 16th October, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 8th October 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 morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

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

Next stall is on today. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall. Please support this important fundraiser with donations and purchases.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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 WEEK'S READINGS

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15;
Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16;
either 1 Timothy 6.6-19 or
1 Timothy 4.12 – 5.8;
Luke 16.19-31

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Allan Thomson Susan Rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Linda Mitchell Vanessa Hanlon	Sarah Davies Michael Smit
INTERCESSORS	June Parker	Roland Sowerby
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Laurie Thomson Jenny Franklin
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Volunteer	Volunteers
FLOWERS	Dianne	

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.

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.