

23 JULY 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	25	8.30am	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	26	8.30am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	27	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	28	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	30	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:

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 86.15

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 232, 429, 602, 111.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1ST READING: GENESIS 28.10-19A;

Susan Rowe Michael Smit

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

PSALM 139. 1-11,23-24. (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
3. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**
5. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
7. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8. If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
9. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10. even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
11. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',
- 23. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.**
24. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

SECOND READING: : ROMANS 8.12-25

Margaret O’Kearney Sarah Davies

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL:**MATTHEW 13.24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!



Teen Church Term 3 2017

30th July - Session 1

13th August - Session 2

20th August - 'In Service' Service

3rd September - Session 3 & Outing

This term at 9am we will explore what it means to fight fear with faith & live as fearless disciples of Christ.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- **The Diocese of Osun North East - (Ibadan, Nigeria):** †Humphery Olumakaiye
- **The Diocese of Sydney:** †Glenn Davies; Assistant Bishops: †Ivan Lee, †Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Laidley:** Bob Blackburn – Locum, Bill Ross
- **Ministry with Youth and Families:** Jonathan Kemp
- **Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools –** President Peter Laurence

Locally: For domestic violence victims.

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, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 23 July 2017

Genesis 28.10-19a; Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Continuing with the theme of the sowing of seeds, Jesus explains more fully for us this image he gives us of his Kingdom, and warns us of the eternal consequences for those among us who sow the seeds of weeds amongst the wheat. Using powerful dichotomous imageries, Jesus presents us with a choice...

Pray that we will remain faithful to God's word.

Give thanks for the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe (대한성공회), the Anglican Church of Korea.

Text: Jesse Poole

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23 July 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 27 July: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 28 July: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 30 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 30 July: 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.

Last year 57,000 shoe boxes were sent from Queensland.
Let's see if we can better that in 2017.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd August not 16th August (as this is the Ekka Public Holiday), at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 8th August 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 in the Maheno Room. 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 today Sunday 23rd July. 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 cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new 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.

Little Children's Church:

This week at Little Children's Church, we will be hearing about Jacob's dream. We will be doing activities that will help remind us of God's presence as we go to sleep.

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 30 July 2017

Genesis 29. 15-28;

Psalms 105.1-11 or Psalm 128

Romans 8.26-39

Matthew 13.44-58

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Ruth Southgate Linda Mitchell	Therese Rein Tony Rigby
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Laurie Thomson Rigby Family
TEA / COFFEE	Volunteers	Volunteers
OFFERTORY COUNTER		
TEEN CHURCH	Fearless Session 1	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Andrea/Michael Findlay	
FLOWERS	Caroline	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1514.25

Yearly giving is \$ 11,359.35 under budget