



Dinner and Planning Gathering
Tuesday 25th October
Maheno Room 6pm

A chance for our LAs to catch up, review how things are going, fix Andrew's aberrations and get ready for Advent and Christmas.

Bring a plate of something to share!

RSVP Andrew or Parish Office

A visitor from Zimbabwe

Our 10am Friday service folk have really welcomed **Ruth Gwisai** visiting from Zimbabwe (*here pictured at post service coffee with Guild member Nita*). Ruth is an active and passionate member of St Mary Magdalen Anglican Church in Avondale, Zimbabwe. She was pleased to share pictures and stories of her energetic **Anglican Mothers Union** group who do so much to strengthen community, build faith and reach out in loving service in the fairly tough times in Zimbabwe. Ruth is visiting her son who lives close by in Bulimba for a few weeks and loved our church and worshipping with us.



Welcome Ruth! We hope you enjoy your stay !



Children's Church
Sunday 9am

This Sunday in church we will be talking about how Jesus welcomes little children just as much as the Adults and how we need to share the gifts God gives us with others.



23rd October 2022

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

On Children

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,
Speak to us of Children. And he said:

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,

which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

*You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.*

*The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He ends you with His might*

that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies,

so He loves also the bow that is stable.

Kahlil Gibran - 1883-1931 From The Prophet (Knopf, 1923).

*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to
such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Luke 18:16*



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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	25th	6.00pm	LA's meeting
FRIDAY	28th	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	29th	9am-12pm	Introduction to Christian Meditation
SUNDAY	30th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist & Children's Church

ROSTERED DUTIES 30/10	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Allan	Sarah & Roland
MUSIC	Wendy	Howard
READERS	Robert & Ann	James & Donovan
INTERCESSOR	Roslyn	Roland
MORNING TEA		Sue G
WELCOMERS	Stuart	Laurie
FLOWERS	Kerry	
CHURCH CLEANING	Barbara	

Priest-in-Charge

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.
Luke 18.17

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY: O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: JOEL 2.23-32 MARG SALTER CHARMAINE SWANSON

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

PSALM 65:

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
2. **To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.**
3. Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts: we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
4. **You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour: you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;**
5. Who by your strength made fast the mountains: you that are girded with power;
6. **Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.** (Continued over page)

7. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

8. You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile.

9. The river of God is full of water:

and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.

**10. You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.**

11. You crown the year with your goodness:

and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

12. The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy.

13. The meadows are clothed with sheep:

and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4.6-8, 4.16-18 LINDA BROOK MICHAEL SMIT

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 18.15-30 **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, *'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'*

A certain ruler asked him, *'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'* Jesus said to him, *'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother."'* He replied, *'I have kept all these since my youth.'* When Jesus heard this, he said to him, *'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'* But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, *'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'* Those who heard it said, *'Then who can be saved?'* He replied, *'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'* Then Peter said, *'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.'* And he said to them, *'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'*

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- ◇ The Diocese of Sydney: Bishops, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Pittsworth: Visiting clergy
- ◇ Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, South Coast (Southport Respite Centre)
- ◇ St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal – Ruth Mathieson; Academic Dean - Peter Kline; staff, sessional lecturers & students

Locally:

We pray for...

- ◇ **Flower and Visual Arts arrangers and our cleaning volunteers.** We give thanks for their creativity and energy in enhancing our church and creating spaces for prayer, joy and beauty.
- ◇ **Hospital Chaplains: Mater, Princess Alexandra and Greenslopes Hospitals.** May they continue to touch the lives of all they meet and have a deep sense of the consolation of our God.
- ◇ **Families and Businesses preparing for Halloween.** May we seek ways to reclaim this night as a Christian festival honouring the lives of holy men and women across the ages.

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips.

Lord, we know that with one touch... we can be healed and made whole. Father, we ask for all who need healing... spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically... Lord, according to Your will may Your healing touch be released in the lives of those who have faith to believe that You are the great healer and You are still doing miracles today.

~ Debbie Kay

In Memory

October 24th—October 30th

Philip Thomas Boughen Sherwin (2009)

Let the little children come to me...

The Gospel this week inspires me to revisit thinking about our Family Service, what that means and how we connect with our children. I try to include two intentional children focussed moments in our 9am service to build on our great Children's Church ministry... a conversation and prayer at the beginning and a child friendly song as a recessional... which is not everyone's cup of tea. But why do I do it?



The website [Sacraparental: Social justice & spirituality for parents & kids](#) suggests these 6 of 12 reasons... I'll share the other 6 next week.

Reason 1. KIDS ARE PEOPLE TOO: When we welcome kids in church, we acknowledge that they are important humans in the present, not just the future

Reason 2. ALL ARE MADE WELCOME: When we welcome kids, we are making their carers feel welcome too

Reason 3. KIDS LEARN BY PARTICIPATING: When we welcome kids, we invite them to experience God in community with us

Reason 4. KIDS CAN HANDLE SERMONS: When we involve kids in church, we expose them to deep, important ideas

Reason 5. IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE: When we include kids in church, we all get to practise being generous to each other

Reason 6. IT MAKES SERVICES BETTER: When we plan for kids to be involved, we plan better, richer services

[12 Reasons to Welcome Kids in Church + Tips for Actually Doing It - Sacraparental](#)

What do you think? I'd love a chat.

Andrew

Audio Visual Operators.



Our new AV system seems to be de-bugged and up and running. Its great and easy to use from the planning and presiding side of things but will work best with a [rostered clicker](#) each service.

Its easy but needs concentration. Could you assist as part of a team? If we get enough volunteers , it should only be once a month or so. [Sign up sheet indicating your preferred service](#)

and availability at the back of the church or by emailing Sarah at the parish office.

Advent and Christmas Preparation

It seems too soon, but its time to start preparing for our Advent and Christmas events. How about putting these dates in your diary now.

Sunday 27th November "Light up Bulimba" Christmas Carols and Lights.

Starts 6.30 at Bulimba Uniting Church and onto St John's at 7.20 until 8pm

Friday 2nd December CHRISTMAS UP LATE

Organised by the Oxford Street Business Association, 5-8pm

Sunday 18th December Regis Christmas Service

With Bulimba Churches Together time TBC

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Service 6pm,
Midnight Christmas Service 11.30 pm

Sunday 25th December

7.30 Traditional Christmas Eucharist
9.00am Family Christmas Eucharist



Details and call for volunteers and eager participants will unfold over the next few weeks.

We will need to start putting up the lights but the church needs a wash first. Anyone with a pressure cleaner and a few hours?

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturday 29th October

9am -12pm

A morning of learning and practice drawing on mindfulness techniques from both East and West led by Rev Andrew.

Many people struggle with finding the place of peace and calm in this complicated world. This 3 hour introduction hopes to share some techniques, practices and principles in an open, friendly space. Meditation, mindfulness, contemplation, deep listening, soul talk, spirituality, being present...

To register or find out more

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