

24 JANUARY 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

The next Friday service will be held on Friday 29th of January at 10.00am.

The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 31st January.

Pre-registration is not required for the Friday service, but is for the Sunday service. Please register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Saturday 30th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service. We cannot guarantee you a seat if you have not booked, due to limitation on numbers. At recent services we have had room for more attendees so please come even if you have not booked.

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 give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

See the included sheet for details of the AGM, for a Nomination for Parish Councillors, and for a Parish Roll application.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. *Mark 1.15*

HYMNS: TIS 161, 590, 105, 351

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Bountiful God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: JONAH 3.1-10

LINDA MITCHELL

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

PSALM 62.5-12

5. Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:
for from him comes my hope.

6. *He only is my rock and my salvation:*

my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

7. In God is my deliverance and my glory:

God is my strong rock and my shelter.

8. *Trust in him at all times, O my people:*

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

9. The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie:

place them in the scales and they fly upward, they are as light as air.

10. *Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery:*

if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11. God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say:

that power belongs to God,

12. *That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness:*

for you reward each one of us according to our works.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7.29-31

LINDA MITCHELL

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL: MARK 1.14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Reflection:

What we do matters. It matters to ourselves, each other and to God. The people of Nineveh responded to Jonah's warning of destruction by donning sackcloth, sitting in ashes and going without food or water. The king hopes that if his citizens turned from their evil ways then God would change his mind. God does change his mind. Is God capricious or does God hear and respond to his people? In much the same way, Jesus calls for our repentance and belief in the gospel. The time is near when we will have to choose to follow Jesus just like the fisherfolk he called.

Pray that we have ears to listen to the urgency of God's call to us to live in the faith of Jesus Christ. We ask that we too could leave all things that weigh us down and follow Jesus.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ◇ **The Church of Bangladesh**
- ◇ **The Diocese of Tasmania:** †Richard Condie; Assistant Bishop - †Chris Jones; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ◇ **The Parish of Wynnum:** Donna Petersen
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Children & Families, Foster & Kinship Care (Roma)**
- ◇ **Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools:** President – Peter Laurence

LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ELECTED TO LEAD OUR COMMUNITY IN GOVERNMENT, AND FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM INDIGENOUS AND ETHNIC GROUPS, AS WE COMMEMORATE AUSTRALIA DAY.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod.

IN MEMORY, JANUARY 24—JANUARY 30

JOAN LUCINSKY (2006); HELEN EVELYN JOHNSTON (2008); ALEXANDER COFFEY (2002)

PARISH AGM—REPORTS TO BE PREPARED

Parish Council advises that the Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st February 2021, after the Sunday Eucharist service (time to be confirmed). Please would all parish groups and office holders prepare a report on their 2020 activities and send it in to the Parish Office no later than Friday 5th February, for inclusion in the reports to the AGM?