

24 SEPTEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	28	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	29	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SATURDAY</b>	30	9.00am	GFS World Day of Prayer— Church and Maheno Room
<b>SUNDAY</b>	1	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

**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.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2.8–9*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 146, 400, 302, 445.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: Liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: EXODUS 16. 2-15

June Parker Brian Roy

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

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## **1ST READING:** (continued)

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

## **PSALM 105: 1-6,37-45** (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
37. Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
- 38. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.**
39. He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- 40. They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**
41. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- 42. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.**
43. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- 44. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**
45. that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

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## **SECOND READING:** *(continued)*

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20. 1-16**

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## 24 September 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ Thursday 28 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 29 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 30 September: 9.00am—GFS World Day of Prayer—Church—Maheno
- ◇ Sunday 1 October: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 1 October: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ **Saturday 7 October: 10am –9.00pm—Bulimba Festival**
- ◇ Sunday 8 October—Connect 2 Veterans—Maheno Room

### ***Fellowship Dinner:***

Those people who have indicated they would like to attend the Parish Dinners on Sept 30th will be contacted either by email or phone this weekend with the venue details and the course they need to provide.

If you have any queries please contact Joanne Wood on 0408645701 or 3395 7614.

### **Parish Prayers**

#### **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

##### ***In The World: -***

- **Southeast Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church):** †Leopold Frade
- **Coadjutor Bishop - (IV, The Episcopal Church):** †Peter David Eaton
- **The Diocese of Tasmania:** †Richard Condie; Assistant Bishop †Chris Jones; Clergy and People

##### ***In The Diocese:***

- **The Parish of Zillmere:** Helen Button, John Keyt, Sr Gillian SSA
- **Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital Ministry**

***Locally:*** For defence force personnel.

***Pray for The Sick:*** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, 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)*

## WHAT WE DO

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 18th October at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday 10th 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 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 stalls will be on Saturday 7th October from 10.00am. This is the day of the Bulimba Festival, so we will have a larger crowd than usual.

### **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:**

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday 1 October 2017**

Exodus 17.1-17

Psalms 78.1-4, 11-16

Philippians 2. 1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Michael O'Kearney Margaret Salter	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
<b>READERS</b>	Ruth Southgate Ann Winfield	Paul Davis Vera Davis
<b>DOOR</b>	Stuart Winfield Volunteer	Roy family
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Chris Bevan Ann Winfield	Barbara Johnston
<b>OFFERTORY</b>		Roland Sowerby
<b>COUNTER</b>		
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	School Holidays	
<b>LITTLE</b>	School Holidays	
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>		
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Barbara	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;**

**Last Week \$1,526.35**

**Yearly giving is \$15,653.30. under budget**