

25 December 2017

Today's Services

The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Christmas Day

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am— Family Eucharist

# ST JOHN

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Sunday</b> <b>One service only</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
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### 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.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Sentence for the Day:

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10–11*

**Hymns:** 7.30am Eucharist:-**TIS:** 304, 318, 312, 303.

### The Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading Isaiah 62.6-12

**Ann Winfield Therese Rein**

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

**Psalm 97: (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)**

1. The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2. Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
3. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- 4. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**
5. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**
7. All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.
- 8. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.**
9. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**
11. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

**Second Reading: Titus 3. 4-8a**

**Don Hann     Renee Coffey**

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

## **Gospel: : Luke 2. 1-20**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **HOLIDAY SERVICES**

***December 31st***

8.30am- Eucharist

***January 7th***

8.30am- Eucharist

**No Friday Eucharist until 12th January 2017**

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ◆ **The Diocese of York - (York, England): †John Sentamu**
- ◆ **Beverley - (York, England): †Glyn Webster**
- ◆ **Hull - (York, England): †Alison White**
- ◆ **Selby - (York, England): †John Bromilow Thomson**
- ◆ **Whitby - (York, England): †Paul John Ferguson**
- ◆ **The Diocese of The Murray: †John Ford; Clergy and People**

#### In The Diocese:

- ◆ **The Parish of New Farm: Olaf Anderson, Ian Mundy, Tim Booth**
- ◆ **Anglicare SQ Metro South Community Services**
- ◆ **All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders**

**Locally:** For all who are away from family and friends.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, 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)*



**Christmas Day During the day I – Monday 25 December 2017**

**Isaiah 62.6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3.4-8a; Luke 2.(1-7) 8-20**

**The whirlwind rush of preparation for Christmas often leaves us breathless and restless. As with the shepherds, as you return home this morning, praising God for all that you heard and seen at the worship; with Mary, take a moment to ponder and treasure the place you have for this Christ child.**

**Rejoice in the good news of great joy for all the people.**

**Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem.**

**Text:Fr Atsushi Shibaoka**

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## 25 December 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.

- ◇ Saturday 30th December: 10.00am-12.30pm—Sacred Ground Holy Space—Church
- ◇ Sunday 31st December : 8.30am—Eucharist—One Service Only
- ◇ Sunday 7th January : 8.30am—Eucharist—One Service Only
- ◇ Friday 12th January : 10.00am—Eucharist

## *Sacred Ground Holy Spaces*

**Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2017**  
**10.00am – 12.30am**

Come along to claim your Sacred Ground,  
Reflect on what Holy Spaces truly mean for faith and spiritual  
health....

*May be helpful for any who struggle during Christmas and  
New Year.*

*Please contact Rev'd Jamee with any queries—  
[jamee@stjohnsbulimba.org](mailto:jamee@stjohnsbulimba.org)—0452 338 933*

# **THE 2018 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **MAHENO ROOM**

**SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018**

(Following the 9:00am Service)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St John the Baptist Anglican Church Bulimba will be held on Sunday 18 February 2018 in the Church and following the 9:00am Family Service.

All positions are hereby declared vacant.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETS in the MAHENO ROOM on the First Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.**

**Those elected to Parish Council are expected to attend each Meeting.**

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN (2)

A third Churchwarden is appointed by the Rector

PARISH COUNCILLOR

If you would like to nominate for one of the above positions please complete the NOMINATION FORM enclosed and return it to the CHURCH OFFICE before 11th FEBRUARY.

**ALL THOSE NOMINATING MUST BE ON THE PARISH ROLL.**

If you are not on the Parish Roll and would like to nominate someone, forms for Membership of the Parish are available from the table at the rear of the Church or from the Parish Office.

**Next Weeks Readings**  
**Epiphany of our Lord**  
**Sunday 31 December 2017**  
 ONE SERVICE ONLY 8.30AM

Isaiah 60. 1-6  
 Psalm 72.1-7,10-14  
 Ephesians 3. 1-12  
 Matthew 2. 1-12

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Allan Thomson Roslyn Thomson
<b>READERS</b>	Linda Mitchell Margaret Salter
<b>DOOR</b>	Volunteers
<b>LITTLE CHILDRENS CHURCH</b>	School Holidays
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	School Holidays
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Flowers from Christmas

**WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES**

*Envelopes for your weekly givings are at the back of the Church. They start on 1st January 2018 and go through to Christmas Day 2018.*

*These are excellent for those who do not have direct giving set up, but wish to contribute to our ongoing ministry on a weekly basis, even if you are away.*

*We do not keep a record of who takes what envelopes so your giving can remain between you and God.*