

25 JUNE 2017

TODAY'S SERVICE

8.30AM EUCHARIST

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	27	8.30am	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	28	8.30am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	29	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	30	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	2	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 will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. *Luke 1. 76-77*

HYMNS: 8.30am Eucharist:- **Song Book.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour by preaching a baptism of repentance: make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent, and, following his example, may constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 49. 1-6

Ann Winfield

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

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

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

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',

SECOND READING: : ACTS 13. 22-26

Eli Fowler-Roy

When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

GOSPEL:**LUKE 1.57- 80**

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- **The Diocese of Nyahururu - (Kenya):** †Stephen Kabora
- **Nyahururu - Maralal Area - (Kenya):** †Jacob Lesuada
- **The Diocese of The Murray:** †John Ford; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of Freshwater:** Claye Middleton, Masanja Ngweso, Les Monaghan, Doug Frith
- **Anglicare SQ Metro South Community Services - Cleveland**
- **All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders**

Locally: For the spirit to move people to active ministry.

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 Birth of John the Baptist– Saturday 24 June 2017

Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11; Acts 13.22-26; Luke 1.57-66, 80.

‘What then will this child become?’ – What indeed? A prophet? A voice crying in the wilderness? Or a victim of a weak king’s scheming wife? Well, all of those things, but also John becomes the Forerunner, the one who prepares the way for God’s reign of love to enter the world.

Pray that we might be used to prepare the way for God’s reign of love to enter the world.

Give thanks for the work and witness of St John the Baptist’s Cathedral, Murray Bridge.

Give thanks for those who work to bring love, hope and justice to a world that longs for them.

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25 June 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 29 June: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Church
- ◇ Friday 30 June: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 2 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 2 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist



Today After the Service

Please join us in the Maheno Room

for

Celebratory morning tea

Celebrating 30 years of Priestly Ministry for Father John

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is on Wednesday 19th July at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 11th July 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 at the back of the Church. 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):

No stalls in June as we are celebrating 30 years of priestly ministry for Father John with a morning tea in the Maheno Room.

Little Children's Church:

There is no Little Children's Church today due to the school holidays and will return on Sunday 16 July.

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.

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.

Next Weeks Readings

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 2 July 2017

Genesis 22.1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6.12-23

Matthew 10.40-42

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Michael O'Kearney Susan Rowe	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	June Parker Roslyn Thomson	Paul Davis Vera Davis
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Jacqueline Hanlon	Barbara Johnston
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
TEEN CHURCH	School Holidays	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays	
FLOWERS	Barbara	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1200.05

Yearly giving is \$9225.55 under budget