

26 AUGUST 2018 - TODAY'S SERVICES

The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST
9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	30	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	31	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	1	2.30pm	Schmidt/Smith Wedding
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:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6.63

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 467, 67, 173, 760.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; 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: 1 KINGS 8.22-30,41-43

DON HANN SARAH DAVIES

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

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1ST READING: *(continued)*

‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

PSALM 84: *(verses said alternately between reader and congregation)*

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

5. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

7. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

9. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

10. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 6.10-20

MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL SMIT

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

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SECOND READING: *(continued)*

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6.56-69

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard this, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

TODAY!!
Parish Packed-Lunch Picnic
Sunday 26th August 2018, 11.30am-1pm.
The Colmslie Beach Reserve
Colmslie Rd, Murarrie 4171

Join in the fun at the Parish Packed-Lunch Picnic.
BYO lunch, picnic blanket, chairs, play equipment, sun safety
apparel and insect repellent.

The venue boasts playgrounds, toilet facilities, water bubblers, and
BBQ and picnic spots. There is also a new bike/ skate track which
may be fun for those who bring their own wheels.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa**, †Thabo Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Wangaratta**: †John Parkes; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Ithaca-Red Hill**: Bill Colbrahams - Locum
- ⇒ **Bush Church Aid**
- ⇒ **State School Teachers**

Locally: Those in education.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew.

(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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost –Sunday 26 August 2018

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

Both the writer of 1 Kings and the Psalmist focus today on God's house. How do you see your church? Is it a place where forgiveness is found? Is it a place where spending a day is better than spending a thousand elsewhere? Or is it a stained-glass fortress that exists to keep you safe from the wider community outside?

Give thanks for those churches that play an active part in their communities, and pray for those who have become a ghetto of irrelevance. May the latter find a way to take their place helping God to convert the world through love and care of the community.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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26th August 2018 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- * Thursday 30 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- * Friday 31 August: 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Saturday 1 September: 2.30pm— Schmidt/Smith Wedding
- * Sunday 2 September : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 2 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOXES ARE:-

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

SOMETHING TO LOVE Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO WEAR T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc.(No toothpaste)

SOMETHING SPECIAL Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.

Bridge to Brisbane 26th August 2018

Tony Newton and Stuart Winfield are intending to do the 5km section of the event, and they invite sponsorship for "Father John's Malteser Fund". (Any funds raised to be placed by Fr John for the benefit of our church).

Sponsor forms are at the rear of the church, and monies should be given to Allan (Treasurer), Sue (Church Secretary), Tony or Stuart on completion of the event.

Footnote:- The current world market price of a Malteser is 4.5cents.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on Wednesday 19th September, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 11th September in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing 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 Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

Cake Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):

Next stall is on today Sunday 26th August. The people manning the stall have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. Thanks.

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am 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 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 2 September 2018

Song of Songs 2.8-13

Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Margaret Salter Volunteer	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	Susan Rowe Linda Mitchell	Joanne Wood Laura Bentley
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy family
MORNING TEA	Ann Winfield Chris Bevan	Barbara Johnson Anne Martinez
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	Vanessa Hanlon Margaret Clark	

FLOWERS	Wedding
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Weekly Giving : Budget \$1975/Week;

Last Week \$ 1069.90

Yearly shortfall \$ 24,034.80