

26 JUNE 2016

TODAY'S SERVICES

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST  
9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH  
Incorporating ministries with Eastern  
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
THURSDAY	30	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	1	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	3	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

***Welcome! We are glad you are with us!***

***Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.***

***During the service, let the Lord speak to you.***

***After the service, speak to one another.***

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.  
*Matthew 10.39*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 406, 403, 407, 96.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**1ST READING: 2 KINGS 2.1-2, 6-14**

SUSAN ROWE MICHAEL SMIT

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**PSALM 77.1-2,11-20** (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER AND CONGREGATION)

To the leader: according to Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

1. I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**2. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

11. I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**12. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

13. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**14. You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

15. With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**16. When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

17. The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**18. The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

19. Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

**20. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**2ND READING: GALATIANS 5.1, 13-25**

LINDA MITCHELL BRIAN ROY

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 9.51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



### *Teach us to pray... The 5-Finger Prayer*

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- **The Church of Pakistan (United):** +Samuel Robert Azariah Bishop of Raiwind & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan
- **The Diocese of Willochra:** +John Stead; Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- **The Parish of North Pine:** Chris Johnson, Lynda Johnson, Graham Ross, Bruce Worthington, Garrett Edwards
- **St Francis College Formation students**

**Locally:** All doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Albert , Duncan Family, Coral, Marie, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Helen, Pam D., Emma, Linda, Lucia, John W., Drew.

*(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 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost– Sunday 26 June 2016

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-62

The Gospel reading outlines in a very stark way the cost of following Jesus. In it Jesus makes some very demanding requirements. In our modern day, we are not usually asked to make these sorts of commitments in our life in Christ – some do. Many non-believers see these statements as too difficult and believe that they will have to give up too much in order to become a Christian. It is up to us to convince them that one can adjust home and family situations and still do our duty to God. Yes, we do have to deny ourselves some of the worldly pleasures but most of us tend to lead a life within the bounds of what one might call 'normality'. We can commit to Jesus without becoming homeless, leaving family or bankruptcy. There is more to Christianity than material possessions.

Pray for all who are looking at what has to be done so they too can follow Christ in their daily lives.

Give thanks for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, giving thanks for their work and witness.

Text: The Rev Ken Spreadborough, Chair of ABM's Brisbane Diocesan Committee

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## 26 June 2016 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 30 June : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 1 July: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ *Saturday 2 July: 9.00am—sold out—Election Day stalls on the lawn*
- ◇ Sunday 3 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 3 July: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

## Election Day Stalls

On Saturday 2nd July, we will be having our stalls on the lawn and your help would be greatly appreciated.

You can help in a number of ways:-

1. Cook for the cake stall or donate ingredients, money or your time manning the stall.
2. Donate money towards the cost of the Sausage Sizzle or your time manning the stall.
3. Donate to the book stall.

There are sheets at the back of the Church for you to put down any time you are able to help.

This is a big day for us to make some extra money to help offset the shortfall in our weekly givings.

It is also a great day for meeting those people who live in the area.

## WHAT WE DO

### **Children's Church:**

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. Children's Church is taking a break for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 17 July.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30 am.

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

Guild meeting will be on Tuesday 12th July at 8.50am in the Maheno Room followed by Hoy and Morning tea starting at 10.00am. Please come along and join this happy group, they supply the cards, and teach you how to play.

### **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):**

Our next Cake and book stall is on *Saturday 2 July Election Day*. The people manning the stalls 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 cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. We will also be having our sausage sizzle that day so any donations of \$\$\$ to offset the cost of buying the sausages and bread rolls would be greatly appreciated . Money can be placed in the collection plates in envelopes marked BBQ , given to Sue Rowe or any of the Church Wardens.

Thank you.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY 3 JULY 2016

2 Kings 5.1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-18

Luke 10.1-12 (13-16) 17-24

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	MARGARET SALTER MICHAEL O'KEARNEY	SARAH DAVIES ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>READERS</b>	ALLAN THOMSON VANESSA HANLON	SARAH DAVIES LINDA MITCHELL
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	JUNE PARKER	SARAH DAVIES
<b>DOOR</b>	LIONEL ROWE DOROTHY CAMERON	ROY FAMILY
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	JACQUELINE HANLON	BARBARA JOHNSTON
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	VANESSA HANLON BILL HANLON	ROLAND SOWERBY
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	BARBARA	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1563.90**