

26 MARCH 2017 -
 TODAY'S SERVICES
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
 MOTHERING SUNDAY



ST JOHN

T H E B A P T I S T

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			
TUESDAY	28	8.30am	Morning Prayer
WEDNESDAY	29	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Bible Study
THURSDAY	30	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	31	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	1	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:

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

John 8. 12

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 449, 988, 445, 486.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: As the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16.1-13

Margaret O'Kearney Tony Rigby

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse,

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1ST READING: (continued)

‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 (say all together)

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
- 2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- 3. he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.**
- 4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**
- 5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5.8-14

Ann Winfield Jacqueline Chapman

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

GOSPEL: JOHN 9.1-41

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.'

Parish Prayers
The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

The Diocese of Mexico - (Mexico): †Carlos Touche-Porter

The Diocese of Wangaratta: †John Parkes; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of Noosa: Mark Calder, Keith Simon, Ian Dredge

SAILS at Bayside

Locally: For all mothers, grandmother, and great grandmothers.

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

(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 Fourth Sunday in Lent – Sunday 26 March 2017– Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

In the gospel reading, we see Jesus correcting the worldview of his disciples who thought that sin was commensurate to deformity. The disciples were convinced that either the parents of the blind man or the blind man himself had sinned for him to be in that situation. Jesus corrects this philosophy by affirming that the blind man would manifest the works of God (v. 3). Every human being created in the image of God has a purpose and agenda of God to fulfil in this world. From this narrative, we are cautioned by Jesus not to wish people away but allow God to use them as he wills. If anything, you and I are works in progress, for God is not yet done with us. That is why Jesus in his manifesto in Luke 4.18 declares: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; [and] to set free the oppressed.” God uses our limitations and challenges to create a better world that will honour and glorify him at all times and in all places.

Pray that God will give us grace to see his ministry in others and the will of God in the lives of people living with disabilities. That we shall be a shoulder for the less fortunate and for people living with disabilities to lean on.

Give thanks for all the sources of spiritual refreshment in your life.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir

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26 March 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.

- ◇ Wednesday 29 March: Bible Study, 7.00pm—Church
- ◇ Thursday 30 March: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 31 March: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 2 April: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 2 April : 9.00am—Family Eucharist

The St John's Teen Church has written a prayer for Lent and are committed to saying it everyday until Palm Sunday.
Please feel free to make this prayer part of your Lenten journey too...

Teen Church 2017 Lent prayer

Lord, I open myself to you today, and offer all that I am and all that I will be
for your healing and guidance.

Refresh me, as I let go of all my worries and fears,
knowing that you are by my side.

Please help me to embrace your love,
to allow your love to heal my wounds and worries
and to flow through me to share your love to those around me.

May you touch gently on my life this day and always.

Amen.

WHAT WE DO

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.

This morning the children will be learning that Jesus healed a blind man – and that some people thought Jesus should have healed him on a different day. The theme for this morning is that God's love is for every day of the week!

Knitting Circle:

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

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 11th April 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 23rd April. 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.

Thank you

Next Weeks Readings

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday 2 April 2017

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8. 6-11

John 11. 1-45

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Michael O'Kearney Margaret Salter	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
READERS	June Parker Margaret Salter	Brian Roy Sarah Davies
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Jacqueline Hanlon Ann Winfield	Barbara Johnson
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
TEEN CHURCH	School Holidays	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	School Holidays	
FLOWERS	No Flowers in Lent	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1567.15
A deficit of \$ 207.85**

Yearly giving is \$4953.70 under budget