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Synod 2022
24-26 June 2022.

In the Anglican Church, a diocese is governed by a Synod, that is, a bishop acting with the advice and consent of representatives of the clergy and laity of the diocese.

In the Diocese of Brisbane, the Archbishop calls the Synod to meet every year, to discuss, debate and decide on various matters of business such as the Diocesan budget, legislation governing the Church (i.e. 'Canon law'), and other issues that concern the Church. The Synod also elects people to various committees and boards in the Diocese, as well as choosing General Synod representatives.

You can find out what is on the agenda on the Anglican Church Southern Queensland website at

[Synod — Anglican Church Southern Queensland \(anglicanchurchsq.org.au\)](http://anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

Please pray for Allan Thomson and Howard Greaver as they represent us at this important part of the life of the diocese.



Children's Church is on a break for the School Holidays

We will gather again on Sunday 17th July at 9am. There is a fun box of activities and colouring at the rear of the church in the meantime. Rest well everyone and see you soon!!

If you'd like a yarn about kids and church, contact Kate Down on kate.down@mail.com or call 0414689669



26th June 2022

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

10.00AM WHOLE PARISH EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH

IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



John the Baptist by Philip C. Kolin

Out of the wilderness came this prophet of fire and repentance, his voice a flame igniting souls out of darkness to witness the Messiah. Wherever he went bonfires reddened the night air.

He wore a tunic of camel hair, and a rope cincture binding unruly flesh from appetite; he lived on locusts and burred cones. When he entered the Jordan

it flowed east, away from the sin-crusted west. Each wave was engraved with grace as he plunged sinners heavy with the world's woes under only to lift them up toward the light. But not the Pharisees. Stones would rise sooner.

When he announced Christ passing by, the birds of the air carried each honeyed syllable to every open heart and sin-ridden soul.

["John the Baptist" | poem by Philip C. Kolin \(christiancentury.org\)](http://christiancentury.org) 2021

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

FRIDAY	1st	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	3rd	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 3/7	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Margaret & Roslyn	Howard
MUSIC	Robert	Wendy
READER	June	Kelly-Ann
INTERCESSOR	Allan	Tony
MORNING TEA		Dianne
WELCOMERS	Bob & Glenda	Tony & Roys
FLOWERS	Sara	
CHURCH CLEANING	Sue/Kym	

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Priest-in-Charge

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THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

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.

FIRST 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.'

Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah Luke 1.68–79) James and Rachel Swanson

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 **To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 **Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 **To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

Continued...

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: Acts 13. (16-21) 22-26

Michael Smit

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. 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 1.57-66, 80

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ



Now 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 through out 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. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- ◇ The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Stafford: Kevin Bourke, Lee Gauld, Leisha Rule, Keith Foote, Heather Toon, Andrew Osborne
- ◇ Anglicare SQ Brisbane North Community Services - Staff and clients (Strathpine)
- ◇ State School Teachers

Locally:

We pray for...

- ◇ Margaret our Sacristan and those who assist with preparing the altar, linen and all the things we need to celebrate the Eucharist with care and dignity.
- ◇ For the Society of the Sacred Advent. We give thanks for the faithful women who served our diocese as vowed sisters under the patronage of St John the Baptist. May their work live on through the SSA Schools and Anglicare as they seek fresh ways to respond to God's call.

God our strength and our hope,

Grant us the courage of John the Baptist who prepared the way for the coming of Jesus and gave testimony in the face of great evil; we praise you for his faithfulness in your service; and we seek your grace this day to live our lives in the service of mercy, truth and justice. **Amen**

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Peter, Graham and Pat, Helena, Ros, Daniel, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Brenda, Shirley.

<p>In Memory June 27th—July 3rd <i>Ellen Maud Loxton (1985)</i> <i>Cynthia Hope Potts (1986)</i></p>
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5 Awesome Facts About John The Baptist

John The Baptist was a forerunner for Christ and prepared the way for His ministry, here are some awesome facts about John's life.



Awesome Fact #1: Jesus declared that there was no one greater than John the Baptist.

Matthew 11:11 recounts Jesus' words, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist."

This probably sounds like an odd statement, particularly because Jesus was a man himself. Some scholars and theologians believe Jesus was honouring John the Baptist by offering a compliment. Some people believe that Jesus was referring to John's position and assignment in history, or referencing the fact that John was anointed to preach with the power of Elijah.

Awesome Fact #2: John the Baptist took a Nazirite vow.

If someone refused to get a haircut and snacked on locusts in the wilderness, people would categorize that individual as a little crazy maybe

even institutional. During John's time, he was called a Nazirite. A Nazirite was a person who gave up certain things to commune with God in a state of holiness. Nazirites would sometimes separate themselves from other people in order to eliminate distractions. The root word of Nazirite means holy or set apart, and a Nazirite's actions did indeed separate them from the rest of the world. Most Jews only took a Nazirite vow for 30 to 100 days. However, there were at least three Nazirites in Scripture who were dedicated from birth – Samson, Samuel, and John the Baptist. Although some might have still called him nuts, John the Baptist set his life aside for Jesus and remains inspirational.

Awesome Fact #3: Before John was even born, John knew when Jesus was nearby.

In Luke 1:36, while telling Mary about her future son, the angel Gabriel said, "Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month." Later in Luke 1:41, Mary left to see Elizabeth soon after receiving Gabriel's message, and when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice, "the baby leaped in her womb."

You might be wondering, how did John, still in his mother's womb, recognize Jesus? John was filled with the Holy Spirit, even before he was born, and the Holy Spirit in John bore witness to the fact that the Messiah was nearby. It is astounding that John could recognize Him before ever being born.

Awesome Fact #4: Herod Antipas, who executed John the Baptist, liked listening to him and actually tried to protect him.

Herod's motives for trying to protect John are influenced by fear, since John was so loved by his followers that Herod feared an uprising (Matthew 14:5). But after imprisoning John, it's possible that something shifted in Herod. "For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested . . . He did this because of Herodias. So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him" (Mark 6:17-20). Then in Mark 6:26, Herodias tricked her husband into murdering John the Baptist, "the king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her". If he wasn't so afraid of what his dinner guests would think, would Herod have embraced the message of John the Baptist—and ultimately the message of Jesus the Messiah?

Awesome Fact #5: John's head is said to be in four different locations around the globe.

As odd as it may sound, John the Baptist's head is considered to be a relic. The first location is the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, Syria. The mosque was built on the remains of an ancient Christian church, and John the Baptist's head is claimed to be buried there in a shrine. The second location, the Residenz Museum in Munich, Germany, claims to have John's head among other relics collected by Duke Wilhelm V in the 16th century. The third location is in Rome at the Church of San Silvestro in Capite. The fourth location is the 13th century cathedral in Amiens, France which was built for the sole purpose of housing John's head. A Crusader is rumored to have carried it from Constantinople in 1206.

[5 Awesome Facts About John The Baptist - Beliefnet](#)



**Welcoming Children into the Family of God.
Information Session**

Sunday 3rd July @11am following the 9am Service.

A new informal gathering for families thinking about a **Thanksgiving for a Child or the Sacrament of Baptism.** We have several families showing interest. Your welcome and friendly hospitality at the 9am service is an important part of sharing the treasure God has given us in this place. **Make sure you say hello!!**