

27 AUGUST 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE TWELFTH 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	31	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	1	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	3	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 wor-
ship, 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:

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 11.27

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **MP:** 604, 444, 187, 445.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: Give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: EXODUS 1.8-2.10

Margaret O'Kearney

Michael Smit

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'

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1ST READING: (continued)

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews* you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses,* 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

PSALM 124 (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—
- 2. if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,**
3. then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4. then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**
5. then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- 6. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
7. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16.13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Teen Church Term 3 2017-Fearless****3rd September – Session 3**

8th September—"UP" Movie night in Maheno Room

This term at 9am we will explore what it means to fight fear with faith & live as fearless disciples of Christ.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **The Diocese of Ruvuma - (Tanzania):** †Maternus Kapinga
- ♦ **The Diocese of Willochra:** †John Stead; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of South Brisbane:** Alan Moore, Rod Irvine, Theodore Woods, Lex MacQueen, Richard Gibson, Ian McGrath, Jeremy Gehrman
- ♦ **Anglican Schools Commission:** Sherril Molloy, staff & commission members

Locally: For all affected by the influenza outbreak.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn, 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost– Sunday 27 August 2017
Exodus 1.8 – 2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20



Living and working at Saint Peter's Church means that we talk a lot about the life and continued witness of Saint Peter! Our parish magazine is called Cross & Keys and our families' mass is called Petrus – all references to our great patron.

Jesus says to Peter, 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.' What a wonderful assurance from Christ! Jesus entrusts to Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Now, through faith in Jesus Christ, we may all become members of that eternal kingdom.

Give thanks to God for his Church spread throughout the world today, and that the message she proclaims might be preached in the spirit of truth and love.

Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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27 August 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 31 August: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 1 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 3 September: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 3 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Friday 8 September: 5.30pm -"UP" Movie night—Maheno Room—See flyer at back of Church for more information.

LA Ministry Workshop

Please see the flyer on the notice board (which has been endorsed by Bishop Alison Taylor) inviting those contemplating LA Ministry to attend a Workshop on **Saturday 16 September** 2017.

If you would like more information please contact either Allan Sauer (3397 1501, 0412 746 636, sauer@ecn.net.au OR Peter Wornham 3422 2485, 0411 599 780, pwo33029@bigpond.net.au).

Fellowship Dinner: Our next Parish Fellowship dinner will be held on Saturday September 30th.

As previously, we will co-ordinate groups of 6 to 8 people to meet in one another's homes for an evening of fun, food and friendship.

Each person offers to provide one of the following: venue, entrée, main or dessert. Drinks are BYO.

A list will be placed at the back of the church for you to indicate that you would like to attend, what you would prefer to provide and your best contact details. A week before the 30th you will be notified of your host and the time and place. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and have a really good time.

Families with children are very welcome and for those who prefer not to drive at night we can try and organise car-pooling. If you have any special food needs please let us know

Please contact Joanne Wood on 3395 7614 or 0408645701 if you have any questions.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

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

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 12th 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 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 in the Maheno Room. 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 today Sunday 27th August. 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.

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.

Little Children's Church:

This morning's story is about baby Moses and his big sister Miriam. We will be talking about things we can do to help care for babies, and about how we show love and care in our family.

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.

Next Weeks Readings

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 3 September 2017

Exodus 3. 1-15

Psalms 105. 1-6, 23-26

Romans 12. 9-21

Matthew 16. 21-28

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Michael O'Kearney Margaret Salter	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	Georgina Greenhill Susan Rowe	Sarah Davies Judith Hancock
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Ann Winfield Chris Bevan	Barbara Johnston
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
TEEN CHURCH	Session 3 of Fearless program	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lauren, Laura, Sue	
FLOWERS	Barbara	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1231.90

Yearly giving is \$13,917.95 under budget