

27 November 2016

Today's Services

The First Sunday of Advent

7.30am—Sung Eucharist

9.00am— Family Eucharist

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern
Hills Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday	29	8.30am	Morning prayers
Wednesday	30	8.30am 7.00pm	Morning prayers Advent Study-Church
Thursday	1	8.30am 9.30am	Morning prayers Mah-jong—Church
Friday	2	10.00am	Eucharist
Sunday	4	7.30am 9.00am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Service Teen Church—Coxen Room

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.

Feel free to stay after the service for a cuppa and a chat outside.
Please take this pew sheet home with you for your prayers in the week

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentence for the Day:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2.3a*

Hymns: 7.30am Eucharist:-**TIS:** 577, 548, 452, 315.

First Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE.

With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined." -- Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

The Collect for the Day:

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 2. 1-5

Margaret Salter Paul Davis

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

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1st Reading: Isaiah 2. 1-5 (continued)

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122: (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

2. Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3. Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

4. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5. For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

7. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'

8. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

2nd Reading: Romans 13. 9-14

June Parker Vera Davis

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: : Matthew 24. 36-44

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to his disciples privately about his coming, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



Christmas Brunch and Giving (11th December)

We will be having an early celebration of Christmas on Sunday 11th December. At both services, we are asking parishioners who would like to contribute, to bring non-perishable food items for those in need that can be placed under the Christmas tree during communion.

Suggestions: Either Christmas items or staples such as cereals, tea, biscuits, etc. We will donate these food items to families in need after the service.

Immediately following the 9am service all parishioners (from both services) are also invited to a Christmas brunch in the Maheno Room, to enjoy a light brunch and champagne as an early celebration of Christmas.

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

Kansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church): †Dean Wolfe

The Diocese of Willochra: †John Stead; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

The Parish of St George with Dirranbandi:

Chermside Anglican Welfare Ministries

Locally: Those working in the retail industry.

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

(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)



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Pew reflections:

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope is incredibly powerful. Where there is hope people can endure just about anything. It provides personal and community resilience. Hope is not the same thing as wish fullness. The difference is that hope has a firm grounding, an anchor. People's religious convictions are a source of hope. Advent affirms that Christ will come again, pointing to a time when God's reign will be established in the world. It also proclaims the message of God reaching out to us in the person of Jesus, the Christ child. In the poor rural areas of South Africa's Eastern Cape where our partner works, people living in poverty are affirmed with dignity and respect. This builds up hope among the vulnerable.

Preparing:

1. How do we both give and receive hope?
2. Where have you found hope in hard times?
3. How well anchored is your sense of hope?

27 November 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.

- ◇ Wednesday 30 November: 7.00pm—Advent Study 'Living in the Light'- Church
- ◇ Thursday 1 December : 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- ◇ Friday 2 December: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 4 December: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
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4 Advent Bible Study sessions for the lead up to Christmas 2016.

'Living in the Light'

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

30th Nov, 7th – 14th – 21st Dec.

All are welcome in Church,
no need for previous study experience
or consistent attendance.

Last Sunday's Concert

So much thanks and gratitude to all of the St John's Parish for their warmth and openness to host our concert yesterday.

Thank you Tony for the wonderful idea. Thank you Wendy, Jo and again Tony for spreading the word to the community.

Thank you Fr John for having us in your beautiful church. And thank you again to Howard for his hard work and support to make our concert sound fantastic.

I think you'll agree it was a huge success. Let's do it again in 2017.

Sincerely,
Francesca

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 we will be reviewing some of the stories about Jesus that we have learnt about in recent weeks. Each story has a simple message about how Jesus helps us to live in God's way.

The Little Children's Church Christmas party will be happening on Sunday 11 December, during the 9am service. We will be having Christmas activities and games during our usual lesson time. Please could all the Little Children's Church families bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle is in recess until 15 February 2017.

St. John's Guild:

The next Guild function will be in the Maheno Room on 6 December with Hoy starting at 10.30am, drawing of the Christmas Raffle at 11.55am followed by a light lunch at 12.00pm.

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.

Mission to Seafarers:

Now is the time to think of seafarers far from home at Christmas time and make up a Christmas bag for delivery to the Mission at the Port of Brisbane. Suggestions for the bags are:- men's, socks, jocks & toiletries.

If you are not able to do a bag, please bring your donated items and put them at the back of the Church or give them to Peg or Colin Gladstone. This is the last week for Donations.

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

The next date of our cake and book stall will be our Christmas Stalls next Sunday 4th December. This will be our last for the year and will have a Christmas Theme, so please try and decorated your goods accordingly.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 4 December 2016

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-21

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Margaret Salter Michael O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
READERS	Allan Thomson Georgina Greenhill	Michael Smit Brian Roy
INTERCESSOR	Roslyn Thomson	Ceri Wynne
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Jacqueline Hanlon Ann Winfield	Barbara Johnston
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Andrea/Sue	
FLOWERS	No flowers during Advent	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1285.90

A deficit of \$464.10