

28 APRIL 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Second Sunday of Easter

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	2	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	3	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	5	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:

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20.27

HYMNS: 7.30 TIS: 76, 380, 278, 203.
9.00 MP: 652 67 217 1003

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: ACTS 5.27-32

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When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

PSALM 118.14-29 (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

14. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
- 15. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**
16. the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'
- 17. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**
18. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
- 19. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**
20. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**
22. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**
24. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**
26. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**
28. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
- 29. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

2ND READING: Revelation 1.4-8

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John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20.19-31

When it was evening on the day of the Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Bishop's Visit, Confirmation and Fr John's Final Service

June 23rd will be a huge day in the Parish Calendar and we ask you all to put it in your diaries. Bishop John will be visiting the parish for both services and conducting a Confirmation at the 9.00am service. It will also be Fr John's last service for our Parish before his retirement. So we will be having a party after the 9.00am service to celebrate with the Bishop, confirmation candidates and Fr John, and our own Patronal Festival.

So come along on 23rd June, bring a plate for lunch and let's celebrate .

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan):**
†Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai &
Bishop of Hokkaido

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Eastern Hills Anglicans: Chris Tyack**
- ⇒ **Retired Bishops**

Locally: Pray for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, either on the streets or in temporary accommodation, especially those with children. Uphold the agencies that work with them to find long-term housing.

Pray for The Sick: Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Kieran, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, Kerry, Audrey, Dawn, Chris, Stephanie, Andrew.

(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 Second Sunday of Easter– Sunday 28 April 2016

Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31



Love: Everyone's different. Thomas was the sort of person that needed proof before he believed anything. He wasn't going to be a victim of fake news. Today we find Jesus meeting Thomas' need for proof literally in a visceral way. Though we still give Thomas the epithet, Doubting, because of his fingers going into wounds, we should remember that his doubt fast became faith.

Pray that we might cry, 'My Lord and my God!' with St Thomas whenever we encounter Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

PLANNED DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
SUNDAY 19 TH MAY This event is being postponed due to Election same weekend	ORGAN RECITAL AND HIGH TEA <u>POSTPONED</u>	CHURCH AND MAHENO ROOM	\$20 per person inc high tea and glass champagne.
SATURDAY 8 TH JUNE 6.00PM	FELLOWSHIP DINNERS	PRIVATE HOMES	Usual organisation. No charge.
SUNDAY 23 RD JUNE	PATRONAL FESTIVAL BRUNCH AND BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION	CHURCH AND MAHENO ROOM	Bring a plate brunch after 9.00 am service. No charge
FRIDAY 26 TH JULY 7.30 PM	BEER APPRECIATION EVENING	MAHENO ROOM	Arrangement to be discussed. \$10 per head. Suitable snacks.
FRIDAY 30 TH AUGUST, 7.30 PM	COFFEE, CAKE AND HISTORY	MAHENO ROOM	Guest speaker (Russell Turner re St John's history) \$15 per head?
FRIDAY 13 TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 PM	GIN APPRECIATION EVENING	MAHENO ROOM	Arrangements as before. \$10 per person
SATURDAY 19 TH OCTOBER 6.00 PM	FELLOWSHIP DINNERS	PRIVATE HOMES	Usual organisation. No charge.
SATURDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER, 6.00 PM	THEMED PARISH DINNER	MAHENO ROOM	Theme to be agreed eg Indian/Italian.

ELECTION DAY, MAY 18TH

The Maheno Room will again be the venue for a Polling Booth at the Federal Election on Saturday 18th May.

This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for the Parish and we will be holding both a Cake Stall and a Sausage Sizzle on that day and will need lots of volunteers. There will be rosters at the back of the church from next Sunday, May 5th, for you to volunteer for a few hours.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares which are then joined and made into rugs, beanies, and crocheting tea towels. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or crocheting or anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet is very welcome to come along; the next one is on Wednesday 15th May, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 14th May in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 28th April. The people manning the stall have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, and smaller cakes and slices are more popular. We often have enquiries for jam, marmalade and lemon butter. Please remember to put a price on your contribution.

There will also be a Giant Cake Stall on Election Day, May 18th. Volunteers to man the stall will be required.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

Little Children's Church:

Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00am 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.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 5 May 2019

Acts 9.1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5.6-14
John 21.1-19

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Margaret Salter Volunteer	Howard Greaver Roland Sowerby
READERS	Don Hann Ruth Southgate	Brian Roy Tony Rigby
DOOR	Stuart Winfield Dorothy Cameron	The Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Chris Bevan Ann Winfield	Anne Martinez
FLOWERS	Sara	

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy. You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list. You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer.

We hope you will join us for coffee after the service.

The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.