

28 JULY 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY	1	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	2	10.00am 7.30pm	Eucharist Beer Appreciation Night—Maheno
SUNDAY	4	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:

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Luke 11.9

HYMNS: 7.30 TIS: 231, 233, 409, 571.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1ST READING: HOSEA 1.2-10

LINDA MITCHELL KATE DOWN

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

PSALM 85. (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**
3. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- 4. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us.**
5. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6. Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?**
7. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- 8. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**
9. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**
11. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- 12. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**
13. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 2.6-15

MARGARET SALTER DAVID DOWN

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

GOSPEL: LUKE 11. 1-13.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John's. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work will now commence, and you will find an information leaflet at the back of the church which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest (please note that The Rev Mark Calder is a nominator in place of Dr Murray Harvey). As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime, a "locum" or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Reverend Lindsay Howie, and he will commence in the parish on 21 July 2019 and work three days a week, two (Friday and one other to be agreed) in the Parish Office and will conduct the regular Friday and Sunday services as usual. He will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). We expect to be commencing meetings with the Presentation Board in August when we can next convene.

In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Rev Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Scottish Episcopal Church:** †Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Waterloo Bay:** Scott Gunthorpe, John Bretz, James Cosgrove, Rhonda Soltes
- ⇒ **Brisbane Correctional Centre:** Kevin Bell & Neil Pennell

Locally. For our Parish Nominators and Parish Council as they seek God's will in the future leadership of our Parish.

Pray for The Sick: Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, 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)

Pentecost 7– Sunday 28 July

Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19); Luke 11.1-13



Hosea's life must have been like a nightmare, being called by the Lord to marry a prostitute (symbolic of God's loving relationship with unfaithful Israel) and to give their children symbolic names relating to God's warnings of judgment on Israel – extreme action inspired by our loving God to try to draw the people back into relationship with God.

Centuries later and still today, Paul encourages us to remain faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ who through the extreme loving action of the cross has delivered those who believe in him from all other influences that threaten to control our lives and draw us away from God. In order to do so, prayer is essential – prayer to God as a Father who seeks our cooperation to further his kingdom of love and who provides for our physical needs and will meet our spiritual needs.

Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, spending time reflecting on each phrase in relation to your life. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Parish Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573. You can also use the same details to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

Religious Instruction at Bulimba State School

Our parish has previously provided religious instruction teachers for classes at Bulimba State School. I am not aware that we have any parishioners currently undertaking this ministry to the children of Bulimba, which is so vital to the spiritual growth of children. The school also has a new Principal who we hope will be supportive of the program. If you are interested in training to be an RI teacher the Queensland Christian Religious Instruction Network plans to have a morning (9.00 – 12.15) of training for those who are interested in teaching RI at school on 27 August Tuesday at 25 Lytton Road, Bulimba. Please contact the Parish Office and I can send you more information so you can enrol. It would be wonderful for our Parish to assist in this ministry once more.

Prayer for our New Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

WELCOME TO REVEREND LINDSAY HOWIE

We extend a very warm welcome to our new locum. Please make yourself known to Fr Lindsay and help to ease him gently into our parish. He will be with us on Sundays and two other days a week, one of which will be Friday we hope. We look forward to getting to know him much better in the weeks ahead. He is a former Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton (Diocese of Central Queensland) amongst other ministries. He will be caretaking our parish while we search for a new Parish Priest to lead St John's Bulimba.

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 21st August, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 13th August 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):

After today's cake stall the next will be on 25th August. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall.

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST

Hosea 11.1-11
Psalm 107.1-9, 43
Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Margaret Salter Volunteer	Howard Greaver Sarah Davies
READERS	Susan Rowe Ann Winfield	Brian Roy Tony Rigby
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
TEA / COFFEE	Chris Bevan Ann Winfield	Anne Martinez
FLOWERS	Dianne	

WELCOME!

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.

Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.