

29 JANUARY 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THE BAPTIST

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern

Hills Parish

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	3	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>TUES, WED, THURS</b>		8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>SUNDAY</b>	5	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 worship, 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:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6.8*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 224, 448, 568, 626.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Living God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: MICAH. 6. 1-8

Ann Winfield Therese Rein

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalm 15:** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2. Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**
3. who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
- 4. in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
5. who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1. 18-31**

June Parker Joanne Wood

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5. 1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



*Celebrating 50 years of Marriage*

*Ray and Dianne Coffey invite everyone for  
Morning Tea in the Maheno Room*

*After the 9.00am Eucharist, today Sunday 29th January, 2017.*

*Ray and Dianne will receive a blessing from Father John  
during the 9.00am Eucharist for their 50 years of marriage.*

*The Parish wishes them all the best for future years and thanks  
them for their many years of service to this community.*

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

**The Diocese of Lichfield - (Canterbury, England): †Michael Ipgrave**

**The Diocese of Lichfield - Shrewsbury - (Canterbury, England): †Mark James Rylands**

**The Diocese of Lichfield - Stafford - (Canterbury, England): †Geoffrey Peter Annas**

**The Diocese of Lichfield - Wolverhampton - (Canterbury, England): †Clive Gregory**

#### In The Diocese:

**The Parish of Crows Nest: Marjorie Charrington**

**GFS – an Anglican Ministry**

**Locally:** All transport workers.

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

*(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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Sunday 29 January 2017

Micah 6.1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12

St Paul raises the theology of the Cross which is the power of us believers. For those who are perishing, who don't understand the power of God and his salvation history, the Cross is foolishness (v.18). In the world today, the theology of glory and the prosperity gospel have been lifted over and above the theology of the Cross. Without Good Friday, there will be no Easter Day. We are reminded that God has called us and saved us by his grace. We need to reconnect with this theology of the Cross as we propagate the Gospel of a suffering Messiah who died on the Cross to take away the sins of the world. He died for us and the Cross is where we draw our strength in this heavenly journey. This teaches us that to have bigger, better and new is to be prosperous yet at times even with plenty, life is empty. The Cross reminds us that the suffering we undergo in this world is temporal for Jesus overcame death and suffering as our Saviour. It is well!

Pray that we may be reconnect with the theology of the Cross from where we draw our strength. Pray also for the Christians who suffer persecution that they may find joy in their suffering for the living Christ who come through for them.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.

Text: The Rt Rev Paul Korir Bishop of Kapsabet, Anglican Church of Kenya

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## 29 January 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.

- ◇ Friday 3 February : 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 5 February : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 5 February : 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 19th February: 10.00am -AGM –Maheno Room

### ***Annual General Meeting:***

Sunday 19th February, 2017 is the date set for our AGM. It will be in the Maheno Room, and commence immediately after the 9.00am Family Eucharist. Nomination forms are at the back of the Church as are forms to be on the Parish Roll. ( You need to be on the Parish Roll to be able to stand for any office, nominate someone for an office or attend the meeting. Please check you are on the roll) .Please pray for those who are nominated and consider becoming more involved in our Parish so we can develop more outreach.

### ***Annual Reports:***

Please have your annual reports to the office before 8th February 2017, so they can be distributed before the AGM. Reports can be emailed to the office on [office@stjohnsbulimba.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbulimba.org) or handed into the office.

### ***Little Children's Church:***

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

For the next four weeks, our Little Children's Church lessons will be based on the Sermon on the Mount. Today's story is based on the Beatitudes and we will be making badges to remind everyone that 'You are a blessing'.

### **WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for your weekly givings are at the back of the Church. They start on 1st January 2017 and go through to Christmas Day 2017. These are excellent for those who do not have direct giving set up, but wish to contribute to our ongoing ministry on a weekly basis, even if you are away. We do not keep a record of who takes what envelopes so your giving can remain between you and God.

**THE 2016 PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MAHENO ROOM**

**SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

(Following the 9:00am Service)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St John the Baptist Anglican Church Bulimba will be held on Sunday 19 February 2017 in the Maheno Room following the 9:00am Family Service. All Positions are hereby declared vacant.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETS in the MAHENO ROOM on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Those elected to Parish Council are expected to attend each Meeting.**

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:**

**PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN (2)**

A third Churchwarden is appointed by the Rector

**PARISH COUNCILLOR**

If you would like to nominate for one of the above positions please complete the **NOMINATION FORM** at the back of the Church and return it to the **CHURCH OFFICE** before **14 FEBRUARY**.

**ALL THOSE NOMINATING MUST BE ON THE PARISH ROLL.**

If you are not on the Parish Roll and would like to nominate someone, forms for Membership of the Parish are available from the table at the rear of the Church or from the Parish Office.

# Next Weeks Readings

## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday 5 February 2017

Isaiah 58.1-9a, [9b-12]

Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2.1-13, [14-16]

Matthew 5.13-20

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.30AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Michael O'Kearney Margaret Salter	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
<b>READERS</b>	Ruth Southgate Linda Mitchell	Paul Davis Vera Davis
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Robert Bland	Michael Smit
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Dorothy Cameron	Roy Family
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Jacqueline Hanlon Ann Winfield	Barbara Johnston
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	Vanessa Hanlon Bill Hanlon	Roland Sowerby
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>		
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>		
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Barbara

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1750/Week; Last Week \$1523.30**

**A deficit of \$226.70**