

Its more than Cake!!

Another successful Cake Stall last Sunday raising \$890 for our ministry. Its more than a fundraiser... it's a physical reminder of our ministry of hospitality and welcome. The cheery smiles and causal chats are as important as money in the till.

It's a great example of the Commerce thing Parish Council looked at ... fundraising AND ministry AND Creativity!!



Guild Gathering: Last Tuesday we had a delightful morning with the Guild. Not for a meeting but as a community of faith praying together and sharing hospitality together. We started with a lovely Guild Eucharist gathered up around the Altar... then retired to the Maheno room for Brunch. We remembered fondly members past and prayed for those who weren't able to join us. A beautiful reminder of the deep spirituality of these loyal and committed people.



LENT GOODNA FLOOD APPEAL

We are still collecting money and phone cards, grocery cards and petrol cards for our partners at Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministry. Look for this donation bucket in the church. In the next few weeks we will launch another ongoing aspect of our partnership with GAWM... a weekly personal care items collection...details soon!!!



Children's Church Is On Break!!

We gather for Children's Church very Sunday at 9am during term time, but we are on a break for the next few weeks for the school holidays and for well deserved rest and relaxation. Please keep our families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Easter. As well as the yummy chocolate, may they have a sense of the wonder and awe of the Resurrection!

If you'd like a yarn about kids and church, contact Kate Down on kate.down@mail.com or call 0414689669



3rd April 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.30AM—EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



Extravagant John 12:1-8

These last three weeks,
We seem to be on the theme
of extravagance -
Extravagant care for that lazy fig tree,
Extravagant welcome for that lazy brother,
Extravagant defense for that lazy ...

Wait! (You say.)
Hold on here!
You don't mean that Mary . . . ?
Well, didn't Martha seem to think so?
And once again, she's serving;
I wonder what she's thinking
of her sister this time?

And Judas certainly wants
to give a good impression,
That he knows the value of a buck,
Talking as if Mary hadn't really earned
That perfume she'd bought.

Maybe Judas was even sweet on Mary!
But he found her unstealable,
Since she was only sweet on the One
Who points the way
To extravagant death,
Which points the way
To extravagant love.

Scott L. Barton 2022

To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,

please use the account details:

BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.

Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY	6	10.00am 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross Lent Groups Lenten Study via Zoom
FRIDAY	8	10.00am	Eucharist
SATURDAY	9	9.00am	Decorate Church for Palm Sunday
PALM SUNDAY	10	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Family Eucharist
ROSTERED DUTIES 10/4		7.30 AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa & Robert		Roland
READER	Don		Sarah
INTERCESSOR	Robert		Roland
MORNING TEA			Andrea
WELCOMER	Allan		Lisa
IT MANAGER			
FLOWERS	Church decorated		With Palms
CHURCH CLEANING	Wendy & Sara		

COVID: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITISING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.

Priest-in-Charge

Reverend Andrew Cooper. Mobile phone: 0447 409 188
Email: andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Church Address: 171 Oxford Street, Bulimba

Postal Address: PO Box 271, Bulimba Qld 4171

Telephone: 3399 1508 **Email:** office@stjohnsbulimba.org
Website: www.stjohnsbulimba.org **Follow us on Facebook**

OUR SERVICE

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126.6

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 43.16-21

June Roland

Thus says the Lord , who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

PSALM 126:

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.

2. ***Then was our mouth filled with laughter:***
and our tongue with singing.

3. Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4. ***Truly the Lord has done great things for us:***
and therefore we rejoiced.

5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.

6. ***Those who sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.***

7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3.3-14

June Roland

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12.1-8

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Rest In Peace: Jeanette Cosgrove, wife of Rev Jim Cosgrove, Waterloo Bay

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◊ The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- ◊ The Diocese of Armidale: †Rodney Chiswell; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◊ The Parish of Centenary Suburbs: Lindsay Howie – Locum, John Coleman, Tom Wood, Bill Redman, Graham Oates
- ◊ Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital: Carol O'Ryan, Judy Shepherd & volunteers
- ◊ Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill: Principal - Gary O'Brien; Chaplain - Br Nathan James; Chair of College Council - Bruce Moy; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally: We pray for...

- ◊ Our Flowers and Visual Arts Ministry and the Cleaning Crew who share their gifts to inspire and bring life to the building in which our church gathers. May they continue to teach the wonder, awe and beauty of our God in their efforts.
- ◊ Our Anglican Chaplains at the Mater, Princess Alexandria and Greenslopes Private Hospital. May they be encouraged by our prayers as the patients, staff and families are encouraged by their ministry.
- ◊ Those affected by the continued wet weather, particularly those who are discouraged by continual cleanup and anxiety. May we find ways to support them in loving service.

Loving God, in You we find the strength we need to keep on going. In You we develop the strength we need to face the challenges that life throws at us. Remove the fear from our hearts and clear our minds that we may know that You are the Foundational Rock, and the Strength of our hearts. Amen.

Pray for those in need: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Gloria, Kerry, Joseph, Douglas, Nance, Peter, Cath, Graham and Pat, Helena, Don.

In Memory

April 4—April 10

Irene Mildred Hardcastle (2006) John Henry Salter (1975)

Henry Arriness Fletcher (1986) Mary Joyce Wrafter (2004)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Parish Council Planning Day.

After postponement from the last weather event, your Parish Council was able to gather on Sunday for a day of reflection and planning. We began with some thinking sparked by an article "5 Significant Attitude Differences That Separate Growing and Declining Churches". The article presents 5 pairs of attitudes...

We Can vs We Can't; Them vs Us; Principles vs Preferences;

Proactive vs Reactive; Now vs Eventually

Your councilors reflected in pairs then shared some thoughts about how they as leaders might reflect some of these things and the challenges we might face as a team and as a parish. The response to the question "Is St John's a growing or declining church" was qualified... We are growing in some areas and declining in others... but we have much to be grateful and hopeful about.

- Proclaim the Kingdom's good news

- Baptise and nurture new believers

- Respond to human need by loving service

- Change society's unjust structures

- Safeguard the integrity of creation

We then spent some time evaluating "Where we are at" using the **5 Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion**... we put every activity we could think of on a Post It note and placed in on one of the Marks. It wasn't surprising that we had many activities in the first three Marks but had some work to do on the last two.

We then redistributed the Post Its into 4 different categories suggested by the HeartEdge network recommended to us by Archbishop

Phillip as a starting point to help us work out priorities for planning. In summary... **Congregation:** growing as a community of faith, **Compassion:** reaching out in loving service, **Creativity:** Sharing our treasures old and new in ways old and new, **Commerce:** Using our resources of time, talent, assets and finances for mission.



This was helpful in seeing what we do with fresh eyes and think about what to focus on in the year ahead. We were able to use the ideas in the **Commerce** section to do some thinking about how we might use our physical assets more efficiently to draw in revenue for ministry... Watch this space!!

In all the day was useful, creative and a source of a lot of hope and possibility for our call to share the Good News of Jesus in this place.



What do we do when we disagree?

A challenging note for me came last week with a conversation around a comment "Some people tell me they are considering leaving the church...." While I absolutely welcome the feedback I did find it difficult. Such comments are common in churches, particularly around times of transition, and have a sibling in the classic "People are unhappy." They are usually shared out of love but they tend to be anonymous and vague. The reasons why are usually not specific and how many people actually feel this way usually not stated. It often comes with "Don't take this personally" but usually it is personal.

This can be crushing and dispiriting as a leader because there is not much that can be done with it. Clergy often feel powerless to address the real issues and break through the polite façade we Anglicans are so good at. Many priests feel these comments tap into their niggling sense of inadequacy and failure. Most of us are just trying to do our best.

The reality is that I am me. I have a different style and different skills that warm the hearts of some and leave others cold. I hope to model real feelings, vulnerability and the type of transparency we are called to as disciples of Christ, but I am human and often get it wrong or express things clumsily. I am juggling the hope and needs of 120+ people and sometimes have to make decisions or do things based on stuff I can't share publicly or there is a bigger picture in play. I apologize to anyone whose needs are not being met.

It's ha

rd to work with these things unless people talk to me about them. I hope we can work on the understanding ...

- If you are happy with what I do, talk to others and share what gives you joy.
- If you are unhappy, talk to me and let's work on it together.

Sometimes the differences are so profound, folk need to make a decision that leads them into deeper nourishment elsewhere... I'd hope the bonds of fellowship with the people of this community are strong enough to make that a decision of last resort.

LENT Wednesdays @ ST JOHN'S

10am Stations of the Cross followed by discussion
Meet in the church

7pm Lent Study Group and reflection via Zoom

You can still sign up via email andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Lent Week Six: Palms, Processions and Ponies

Luke 19:28-40 is the story of the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem... rich in imagery and meaning, it tells more than an event... deep layers of symbolism and import. We will have a crack at uncovering some of its depths before we start waving our palms about.