

3 SEPTEMBER 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	5	7.30pm	Parish Council—Maheno Room
THURSDAY	7	9.30am	Mah-jong—Maheno Room
FRIDAY	8	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	10	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:

I you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16. 24-25

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 569, 607, 511, 111.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

O God, whose Son has shown they way of the cross to be the way of life: Transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives an reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: EXODUS 3. 1-15

Georgina Greenhill Sarah Davies

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

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1ST READING: (continued)

' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

PSALM 105. 1-6, 23-26 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

1. O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
3. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
5. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6. O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
23. Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
24. And the Lord **made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,**
25. whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.
- 26. He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 12.9-21

Susan Rowe Judith Hancock

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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SECOND READING: : (continued)

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MATTHEW 16. 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Teen Church

"UP" Movie night in Maheno Room

Friday 8th September

5.30-8.30pm

Can you escort a "Grandy"?

Team up so that all ages of the Church family are able!

BYO bean bags—pillows—blankets etc

\$5 burgers and \$2 drinks—BYO drinks also ok

Teen Church Fundraising for continued mission

to the Philippines

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ♦ **San Diego - (VIII, The Episcopal Church):** †James Mathes
- ♦ **San Joaquin - (VIII, The Episcopal Church):** †Chester Talton, †David Rice
- ♦ **Diocese of Armidale:** †Rick Lewers; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ♦ **The Parish of Stradbroke Island:** Denise Ferguson
- ♦ **Anglicare SQ TRACC Roma Foster & Kinship Care**
- ♦ **Cannon Hill Anglican College:** Principal - Robyn Bell; Chaplain - Sarah Leisemann; Chair of College Council - Gavin Nicholson; members of College Council

Locally: All fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

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

(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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 3 September 2017

Exodus 3.1-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28;

In last week's gospel reading for Sunday, we hear Matthew's account of Simon Peter's commissioning at Caesarea Philippi. Jesus presents Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven following his great confession that Jesus is the Messiah.

We learn, through Peter, that Jesus is the Messiah. We learn, through Jesus, what this Messiah-ship will mean. This revelation is a pivotal point in our Gospel narrative, connecting Jesus' ministry in Galilee to his Passion. This axis is the catalyst in Jesus' ministry, as he begins to focus on preparing the disciples for his death.

From rock... to stumbling block? Perhaps Peter's ignorance could be excused! This rebuke by Jesus may seem harsh, but Peter did not yet know why the Messiah must suffer in this manner. We see the intricate, multifaceted person of Peter as he begins his first steps in his vocation as leader of God's church.

With responsibility comes great trials ahead, and yet Christ offers to us the strength and grace to accomplish the most difficult of ministries.

Pray that we might have the strength and grace to take up our cross, and follow him.

Give thanks for the work of Anglican Witness, the Communion's evangelism and church growth initiative.

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3 September 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**.

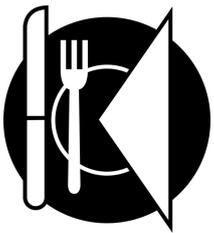
Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Tuesday 5 September: 7.30pm –Parish Council—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 7 September: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Maheno Room
- ◇ Friday 8 September: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Friday 8 September: Movie night “UP” -Maheno Room
- ◇ Sunday 10 September: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 10 September: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

LA Ministry Workshop

Please see the flyer on the notice board (which has been endorsed by Bishop Alison Taylor) inviting those contemplating LA Ministry to attend a Workshop on **Saturday 16 September 2017**.

If you would like more information please contact either Allan Sauer (3397 1501, 0412 746 636, sauer@ecn.net.au OR Peter Wornham (3422 2485, 0411 599 780, pwo33029@bigpond.net.au).



Fellowship Dinner: Our next Parish Fellowship dinner will be held on Saturday September 30th.

As previously, we will co-ordinate groups of 6 to 8 people to meet in one another's homes for an evening of fun, food and friendship.

Each person offers to provide one of the following: venue, entrée, main or dessert. Drinks are BYO.

A list will be placed at the back of the church for you to indicate that you would like to attend, what you would prefer to provide and your best contact details. A week before the 30th you will be notified of your host and the time and place. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and have a really good time.

Families with children are very welcome and for those who prefer not to drive at night we can try and organise car-pooling. If you have any special food needs please let us know

Please contact Joanne Wood on 3395 7614 or 0408645701 if you have any questions.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

The knitting circle meets once a month, the next meeting is Wednesday 20th September at 9.30 am in the Maheno Room.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 12th September in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy.

A lovely morning tea is served during the playing of Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

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

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

A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of our cake and book stalls last Sunday they raised \$721.35 which goes to make up the shortfall in our weekly givings. Our next stalls are on Sunday 24th September.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new 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.

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.

Next Weeks Readings

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 10 September 2017

Exodus 12. 1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13 1-10

Matthew 18. 10-20

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Peter Johnston Susan rowe	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Don Hann Margaret Salter	Joanne Wood Laura Bentley
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob Lee Glenda Lee
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood Wendy Bastow
OFFERTORY COUNTER	Dorothy Cameron June Parker	
TEEN CHURCH		
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Andrea/Laura/Michael Findlay	
FLOWERS	Elaine	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1504.30

Yearly giving is \$14,188.65 under budget