

31 MARCH 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Fourth Sunday in Lent

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| TUESDAY | 2 | 7.00pm | Parish Council |
| WEDNESDAY | 3 | 7.00pm | Lenten Study—Church |
| THURSDAY | 4 | 9.30am | Mah-jong—Church |
| FRIDAY | 5 | 10.00am 7.30pm | Eucharist Wine and Cheese Appreciation |
| SUNDAY | 7 | 7.30am 9.00am | Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist |

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5.18

HYMNS: 7.30 MP: 440, 315, 396, 152

9.00 MP: 467, 181, 31, 51

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: Joshua 5. 2-12

LINDA MITCHELL, MICHAEL SMIT,

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

PSALM 32 (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

1. Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.
2. **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**
3. For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
4. **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;
6. **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**
7. For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
8. **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**
9. 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
10. **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**
11. Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.
12. **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

2ND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5. 16-21

JUNE PARKER, SARAH DAVIES

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 15. 11-32

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So Jesus told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean:** †James Richard Wong Yin Song Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Beenleigh:** Peter Palmer, Frank Phillips
- ⇒ **Sunshine Coast Hospital Ministry:** Ann Shepperson and team

Locally: For those for whom life is without hope, that they may find love, acceptance and purpose.

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

(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 in Lent – Sunday 31 March 2019

Joshua 5.2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 5.11-32

There are probably few stories that Jesus tells in the New Testament that are as moving and significant to all of us as that of the Prodigal Son. No tale illustrates God's love and forgiveness in such tender ways. I often try to place myself in the place of the prodigal son on his journey home and to feel what he must have felt, a spiritual exercise that can bring me to some grief, then imagining the joy not only of the welcome home but the reconciliation that came with it. This Lenten season we remember that we are walking that same road home to the father where we are welcomed and forgiven through Christ.

Pray for reconciliation with those who we have wronged and who have wronged us; and pray that we might be as quick to show mercy and love as the father from the parable.

Give thanks for the Provinces of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and Sudan. Pray for peace between and within both countries.

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31th March 2019 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◆ Tuesday 2 April: 7.00pm—Parish Council—Maheno Room
- ◆ Wednesday 3 April: 7.00pm—Lenten Study—Maheno Room
- ◆ Thursday 4 April: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Maheno Room
- ◆ Friday 5 April: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◆ Friday 5 April: 7.30pm—Wine and Cheese Appreciation, Maheno Room
- ◆ Sunday 7 April : 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- ◆ Sunday 7 April: 9.00am—Family Eucharist

Social Club Events

The next Social Club event will be a Wine and Cheese Appreciation evening to be held in the Maheno Room on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm. We will provide a selection of five wines for tasting and five cheeses from Le Fromage Yard at Morningside. We will have a guest speaker, Ian Davies, to talk about the wines.

Tickets will be \$20 per person including wine, cheese and snacks.

Tickets will be for sale in church, from Ann Winfield at 7.30 am service and Karen Hughes and Dianne Coffey at 9.00am. Last ticket sales are today, 31st March, for catering purposes. Please come along and bring your friends.

Confirmation Classes

Those wishing to be confirmed will have an opportunity at the visit of Bishop John to our Parish on 23rd June 2019. Parents and young people are invited to put their names and details on the form at the back of the church, or to contact the Parish Office by email. At this time we anticipate that confirmation Classes will be held on every third Sunday (In-Service Service for Teen Church) up to the Bishop's visit and Confirmation on 23rd June. The next be 28 April (not 21st), and 19 May. The classes go for about 45 minutes after church.

Weekly Welcomers

Do you have some free time to come and sit in our beautiful church and welcome visitors? We are looking for a couple more volunteers during the week and someone for Saturday morning. This is not onerous; you would commit to a regular weekly morning or afternoon (or less frequent) when you sit in the church and greet visitors. It is a calming and friendly ministry to keep our parish church open . Please contact Ann Winfield on 3395 7573.

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 17th April, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 9th April 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 lovely morning of fun and fellowship please join these lovely ladies.

Mah-jong Group:

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

Lenten Appeal from ABM

The Anglican Board of Mission 2019 Lenten appeal seeks support for their projects in Zambia, Lebanon and Australia. During Lent and at Easter you will find envelopes for your donations. Please consider prayerfully your support for those in need across the world and place your donation envelope in the collection plate or donate directly to ABM.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday 7 April 2019

Isaiah 43. 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3. 3-14
John 12. 1-8

| ROSTERED DUTIES | 7.30AM | 9.00AM |
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| L.A.'S | Margaret Salter | Roland Sowerby Howard Greaver |
| READERS | Ruth Southgate Peter Johnston | Judith Hancock Brian Roy |
| DOOR | Dorothy Cameron Lionel Rowe | Roy Family |
| TEA / COFFEE | Chris Bevan Ann Winfield | Anne Martinez |
| OFFERTORY COUNTERS | Vanessa Hanlon Margaret Clark | |
| FLOWERS | No flowers in Lent | |