

5 SEPTEMBER 2021 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	7	7.30pm	Parish Council
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	12	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist with Sunday School

We are recording attendance through the Queensland Government's app Check in Queensland, which is used in hospitality venues. Please add the app onto your phone. You will find that it remembers your details. The Queensland Government stores the information securely and disposes of it according to the regulations. The Parish has no access to the information.

If you do not have the app the COVID Warden can add your details.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN. WE HAVE A FEW FOR THOSE WITHOUT.**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.**

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. *James 2.13*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

### 1ST READING: PROVERBS 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23

LINDA MITCHELL BRIAN ROY

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### PSALM 125:

1. Those who put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion:  
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
2. *As the mountains stand about Jerusalem, so stands the Lord about his people:  
from this time forward for evermore.*
3. For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway over the land apportioned to the righteous: lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
4. *Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:  
to those that are upright in heart.*
5. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers: and in Israel let there be peace.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**GOSPEL: MARK 7.24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## Pray for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,  
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.  
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day  
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care  
amidst the ravages of pandemic  
Be their true home to all who have been displaced  
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear  
because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views  
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.  
Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,  
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care  
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people  
and hold us all in your unfailing love.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.

Amen

From: [Prayer for Afghanistan - Christian Aid](#)

### Reflection:

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 5 September 2021  
Proverbs 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23; Psalm 125;  
either James 2.1-10, 14-17 or James 2.1-17; Mark 7.24-37



*James warns us all today that we need to have a faith that is living and active – with the outward sign of doing good for others. It's completely useless to have enough faith to move a mountain without backing it up with practical help for others. That practical help is love made visible and points towards the one who is Love made visible, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Pray that your faith will not be sluggish or dead, but alive, active, and transformative.*

*Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy.*

## PARISH PRAYERS

### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

#### ***IN THE WORLD: -***

- ◇ **The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan**
- ◇ **The Diocese of Ballarat:** †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

#### ***IN THE DIOCESE:***

- ◇ **The Parish of Nambour:** Ralph Bowles, Theodor Svensen, John Graham-Freeman
- ◇ **Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission:** Cathy Grant, Stephen Harrison, Michelle McDonald, Rebecca McLean, Belinda Macarthur & Joanne Rose
- ◇ **Coomera Anglican College, Coomera:** Principal - Mark Sly; Chaplain – Vacant; Chair of School Council - Stephen Knott; members of College Council; staff & students.

#### ***Locally:*** We pray for:

- ◇ Parish Council and their meeting this week
- ◇ Our Family Ministry and Sunday Kid's Church
- ◇ With thanks for all who contributed to the Commissioning Service last Friday
- ◇ Bulimba State School, staff students and families and all who work to give life, hope and skills to our young people
- ◇ For Padre Ron as he recovers from a second, more successful surgery, for rest and healing.

***Pray for The Sick:*** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Max, Eileen, Val, Fred.

### IN MEMORY, AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 5

*Kym Helen Cameron (1961) — - Peg Cairns (2008)*

*Jan Fletcher (2011) — -Joy Powell (1993)*

# PARISH NEWS

**From Rev Andrew....** What a wonderful night to be welcomed as your new Priest- in-Charge! While many were unable to attend due to the Covid restrictions, I was touched by the warm words of welcome and the great joy. It was a special privilege to have Scott and Hazel Farquarson representing the good folk of Jedburgh and friends from Gympie to tell the real stories of my work there! There will be more stories to come, I am sure. Looks like I'm king of the selfies here!



With Bishop John Roundhill



Howard Greaver presented one of the signs of ministry.



With Rev Beatriz Skippen, Uniting Church



With Scott and Hazel Farquarson Representing St Johns Jedburgh.

## **BADGES**

We will be ordering badges. Please fill in the order form in the church or email the office. The cost is likely to be \$12 each.

# **WHAT WE DO**

## **KNITTING CIRCLE**

Our Knitting Circle consists of a group of dedicated ladies who meet monthly to knit beanies, blankets and other items, and to enjoy morning tea together. The blankets are donated to Regis Bulimba, the beanies to the Missions to Seamen and other clothing to Care for Kids. They welcome new members and also donations of suitable wool. They meet (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th of September.

## **GUILD AND HOY**

The St John's Guild is our women's fellowship group and will next meet on Tuesday 14th September at 8.45 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea at 10.00am followed by Hoy at 10.30am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

## **CAKE STALL SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

Our monthly Cake Stall is on Sunday 26th September on the lawn. Please buy generously. If every communicant buys one cake they will quickly be sold! Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall. Our cake stall raises much-needed funds which go to make up the shortfall in our weekly givings.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School runs during the 9.00am service and welcomes children of all ages. We have two leaders on each Sunday, and would welcome new volunteers. If you wish to volunteer you will need to have a Blue Card.

Parents can accompany younger children if they wish. The children go to Sunday School usually after the first hymn and return for the Eucharist.

## **Andrew is moving in!!!**

I'm moving into my new apartment on Saturday 10th September. I'm wondering if anyone has a trailer/van and a few hours to give me a hand?

Give me a call on 0447 409 188

## **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Sunday 12 September 2021***

Either Proverbs 1.20-33

Psalm 19

James 2.18-26

Mark 8.27-38

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30 AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Vanessa Robert	Roland
<b>READER</b>	Allan	Roland
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Robert	Sarah
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	No morning tea	Andrea Findlay
<b>COVID WARDEN</b>	Allan	Lisa
<b>IT MANAGER</b>		Sarah
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Caroline	
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Wendy & Sara	

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