

6 MAY 2018 - TODAY'S SERVICES

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	8	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & Morning Tea—Maheno Rm \$5—all welcome
THURSDAY	10	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	11	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	13	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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SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS** : 56, 699, 611, 153.

9.00am Eucharist:- **AOV1**: 16, 80, 90, 74.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends; Give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1ST READING: ACTS 10.44-48

DON HANN TONY RIGBY

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM 98: (VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN THE READER AND CONGREGATION)

1. O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.
2. **The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**
3. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
4. **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
5. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6. **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

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PSALM 98: (continued)

7. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9. at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 5. 1-12

LINDA MITCHELL BRIAN ROY

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15. 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Events Calendar for 2018

MONTH	Significant Dates	PARISH EVENTS
May		Fellowship Dinner 26 th May
June	Patronal Festival 25/6 State of Origin 6/6 and 24/6	Patronal Festival Brunch 24th June (bring a plate for brunch after joint service)
July	School Hols 1 -15 July State of origin 11/7	Soup Night Friday 20 th July?
August		Parish Picnic Day 26th Aug
September	School Hols 22/9 – 7/10 Riverfire 29/9 Church Opening was 29/9/1888	Movie Night 21 st Sept
October	School Hols to 7/10 Synod 5-7 Oct	Fellowship Dinner 20 th Oct
November		130 th Anniversary 3 rd November
December	School Hols begin 15/12 First Sunday in Advent 2/12	Parish Christmas Lunch 2/12 Movie Night 14/12 (end of term public schools) Carols on the Lawn – date to be earlier in December? Possibly 8/9 December?
January 2019		

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ **The Anglican Church of Kenya:** †Jackson Ole Sapit Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
- ◇ **The Diocese of Bendigo:** †Matt Brain; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Nambour:** James Hall, Theodor Svensen, Joost Nennie, Tom Hall
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Rural and Remote Roma**
- ◇ **Fraser Coast Anglican College:** A/g Principal – Joe Wright; Chaplain – Vacant; Chair of College Council – Barnaby Eaton; members of College Council; staff and students

Locally: For all sleeping on the street.

Pray for The Sick: Joel, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, John, Roselee, Esther, Linda, Drew, 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)

RIP: Jim Hughes



The Sixth Sunday of Easter– Sunday 6 May 2018

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-12; John 15.9-17.

The Reading from Acts captures a moment when the circle of faith was widened. Yet almost in tension with this is the Epistle where we have a blunt dichotomy, those who have the Son have life, those who do not, don't have life. In the end it is apparently that simple.

Pray for a widening of the circle of faith and for a widening of whom we love.

Pray for the Church of North India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: The Very Rev John Roundhill, Dean of Bendigo

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6th May 2018 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- * Tuesday 8 May: 8.50am—Guild Meeting—Maheno Room
- * Tuesday 8 May: 10.00am—Hoy & Morning Tea—Maheno Rm.-\$5-All Welcome
- * Thursday 10 May: 9.30am—Mah-jong—Church
- * Friday 11 May: 10.00am—Eucharist
- * Sunday 13 May: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
- * Sunday 13 May: 9.00am-Family Eucharist



Teen Church invites you to walk the labyrinth on the lawn on Sunday the 13th of May – after the 9am service.

Fundraising for mission to the Philippines - bring a gold coin donation.

Experience for yourself the labyrinth as a prayer tool to bring you closer to God.

Fellowship Dinner

Our next Parish Fellowship Dinner will be held on Saturday 26th May. In these dinners each participant offers to provide one of a venue, an entrée, a main course or a dessert. In most cases we organise groups of 6-8 in each house (venue).

You then attend on the night (usually commencing at about 6.00pm) and share dinner with your fellow parishioners. It is always a very enjoyable night and a time for building new friendships.

So, you will either be the host (who offers coffee), or providing one course to feed approximately 8 people. We also ask you to bring your own wine or soft drinks, and to arrange your own transport.

If you would like to attend please put your name, contact number or/and email (essential), and what you would like to offer on the list at the back of the church by 20th May. You will be advised of final details on about 21st May. Contact Sarah Davies on 3843 0115 if you have any questions.

Invitation

One of our long serving parishioners Jim Hughes passed away on Sunday 29th April.

Val, Linda and family invite you to attend Jim's Funeral on Wednesday 9th May, 2018 at 11.00am and afterwards in the Maheno Room for light refreshments.

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 this Wednesday 16th May, at 9.30am. A lovely morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 8th May 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 Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 27th May. The people manning the stall have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger fruit cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better. Thanks.

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.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday 13 May 2018

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.6-19

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Susan Rowe Volunteer	Roland Sowerby Sarah Davies
READERS	Vanessa Hanlon Roslyn Thomson	Joanne Wood Laura Bentley
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Margaret Salter	Bob Lee Glenda Lee
TEA / COFFEE	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Joanne Wood
OFFERTORY COUNTERS	June Parker Pam Ganly	
LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
FLOWERS	Dianne	

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1975/Week;

Last Week \$ 1039.60

Yearly shortfall \$ 11,918.85