

7 MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

*The
Season
of
Lent*



ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

The next Friday service will be held on Friday 12th of March at 10.00am.

The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 14th March, Mothering Sunday.

Pre-registration is not required for the Friday service, but is for the Sunday service if not using a QR code at entry. Please register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Saturday 13th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service.

We are moving to the use of QR codes which are currently required for hospitality venues. This should be an easier and more secure way of collecting attendance information. Please come ready to register via your mobile phone using the QR Code provided. We will use Eventbrite booking as well until Easter and then discontinue it but manually take names for those without a mobile phone.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND ANDREW COOPER AS PARISH PRIEST

Regional Bishop John Roundhill has announced that the Reverend Andrew Cooper has been appointed to be the Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Bulimba. As Rev Andrew Cooper is currently the Rector of Jedburgh in Scotland, it may be some months before he can be commissioned, possibly in August. Please pray for him, and his current parish in the prayer on page 5 of this Pew Bulletin.

You will find his letter to the Parish on the back page of this Pew Bulletin, and can visit St Johns, Jedburgh, on Facebook for photos, videos and information on his ministry there.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20.1

HYMNS: TIS: 362, 229, 129, 314.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1ST READING: EXODUS 20.1-17

SUSAN ROWE

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

PSALM 19 :

1. The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2. *One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.***
3. There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
- 4. *Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.***
5. There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6. *Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.***
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8. *The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.***
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- 10. *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.***
11. Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12. *Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.***
13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14. *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.***

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1.18-25

SUSAN ROWE

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2.13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Reflection:

Lent 3– Sunday 7 March 2021

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

In this face-slap of a gospel Jesus cleans up the temple, getting rid of livestock, merchants, customers, and money changers. His anger is palpable throughout. Then he makes the surprising claim that he can rebuild the temple in three days.

After the resurrection, his disciples looked back on this day and realised that Jesus was the temple and he did return.

How do we believe without the disciples' first-hand experience?

Where do we experience the resurrection?

Heavenly Lord, help us to follow you. Let our words and actions speak to all the nations, that they may come to walk with you in the resurrected body of Christ.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ◇ **The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo**

IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ◇ **The Diocese of Brisbane:** †Phillip Aspinall; Assistant Bishops - †Cameron Venables, †Jeremy Greaves, †John Roundhill; Clergy and People
- ◇ **The Parish of Eastern Hills Anglicans:** Chris Tyack
- ◇ **Prince Charles & St Vincent's Northside:** Fiona Bennett and volunteers
- ◇ **Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera:** Principal - Geoff Newton; Chaplain - David Adams; Chair of School Council - Robert Seljak; members of School Council; staff & students

LOCALLY: We pray for the owners and staff of the shops in Oxford Street and Bulimba, that their businesses continue to thrive and support our local community.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod, Ruth, Max.

***A Prayer to be said between the
Announcement & Commissioning
Of our New Parish Priest***

*We give you thanks, O God for calling your servant Andrew to come
amongst us as priest and pastor.*

Strengthen and sustain him as he prepares for this transition.

*Be with us as we welcome him into our midst,
that we may faithfully minister together
in the name of the one who said to his disciples,
'I am among you as one who serves,'
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

IN MEMORY, MARCH 6—MARCH 13

PHYLLIS EDNA DAVIS (2006) - THORA LUCY WALSH (1965)

ELLIE CROSS (2017)

NOTICES

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our first Fellowship Dinner for 2021 will be held on 20th March.

A list is at the back of the church for you to nominate whether you wish to participate and provide a venue, an entrée, a main course or a dessert.

As we are in Lent the theme is vegetarian. You will need to add your name by 14th March to be allocated to a venue.

This is our social focus for 2021 until COVID restrictions on catering are eased.

CAKE STALLS ARE BACK—SUNDAY 28TH MARCH

Cake Stalls, an essential fundraiser for our parish, are back. Last Sunday saw our first one and it raised \$717 which goes to making up the shortfall in our givings.

The next one will be on Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday so put it in your calendar. Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall.

Parish Annual General Meeting

At the AGM last Sunday 21st February 2021 the following people were elected as your representatives to serve on Parish Council for the coming 12 months.

Wardens: Allan Thomson (Rector's Warden) Dianne Coffey, Jacqueline Chapman.

Councillors: Sue Garrett, Felicity Scott, Lisa Hooper, Tony Rigby.

Parish Nominators: Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey, Sarah Davies.

Synod Representative: Howard Greaver

Children Safety Officers: Lisa Hooper, Tony Rigby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very keen to re-start our Sunday School but our previous leader, Lauren, is now committed elsewhere, so we need a new Sunday School leader, and helpers to recommence. We would like to re-open in Term 2 (25th April). In order to plan we need to have assistants who can be rostered to help and to know how many children we are likely to have (with ages).

Can you please let the Parish Office know if either you have children wishing to join Sunday School, or if you can assist in any way. There are strict rules about caring for and protecting children, so any plans we make will have to conform with those rules.

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 the Mater Hospital and the beanies to the Missions to Seamen. They welcome new members and also donation of suitable wool. They will begin meeting again (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 17th March.

GUILD AND HOY

The St Johns Guild is our women's fellowship group and will re-commence from Tuesday 13th April at 9.00 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea followed by Hoy at 10.00am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

GROCERIES FOR GOODNA

After the success of our Advent Groceries campaign to assist Goodna Parish we will be running a Lent grocery appeal for non-perishable groceries and toiletries for the Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministries. This wonderful group distributes food, toiletries and other goods to hundreds of needy families in the Goodna area. If you prefer to give money please mark it as a donation for Goodna. They will use money given to buy meat and other perishables.

Please leave your bag of donations in church and we will make sure that they are delivered.

DONATE A DUNNY

The Lakes Parish on the northside is a very new parish, in a very new area, run by the Rev Daniel Berris, who is well-known to many of you. They have commenced holding a Community Market to both support the Parish, and to build a community in a new part of Brisbane. Local small businesses can sell their goods and make contact with other locals.

In order to hold a market they must supply toilets, and are currently hiring portable toilets. They have appealed for assistance to purchase portable toilets and we are collecting in the "dunny bucket" in church, hoping to raise \$2100 to purchase one toilet. Please donate to this worthwhile cause in church or to the Parish Office.

HELLO FROM REVEREND ANDREW COOPER, THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST FOR BULIMBA

I am very excited to be introducing myself to the folk in Bulimba and very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know you personally. While I am currently sitting in a warm office and looking out at a grey wet day (*driech* as they say here) in Jedburgh in the beautiful Scottish Borders, I am fairly familiar with Bulimba as one of my favoured café and cinema destinations and worked with Fr John in his various capacities so have a glimpse of life at St John's.

I've been in Scotland for nearly four years and have loved the rolling green farmlands, ancient villages and towns and the proximity to Edinburgh and the Highlands. It's a lot like my birthplace in Tasmania so the transition to Scottish weather wasn't too much of a struggle. Jedburgh is an ancient market town with the ruins of a 14th century Augustinian Abbey just out my bedroom window. My church here at St John's... Evangelist rather than Baptist... is a wonderful Oxford Movement jewel box of a building with all the old stone, stained glass and carved wood they do so well here. It just lights up when the sun hits the windows with deep flashes of colour and the sense of many years of prayer, praise, joy and struggle have soaked into the walls. We are a small congregation here but loving and faithful and deeply caring. I've been blessed to be here and will miss them very much.

However, I am a native of the diocese of Brisbane and coming to Bulimba is coming home. I was in Queensland for 17 years before crossing the seas, teaching at St Hilda's School Southport and St Aidan's Corinda before ordination then two years at St Clements Stafford and 6 years as Rector of Gympie and Region.

My churchish passions are in Adult Faith Formation particularly in spirituality and I've been blessed to do some great things in retreats, quiet days, pilgrimage, education for outreach and mission and in supporting the work of others in ministry. I've probably still got glitter in my beard from Messy Church and I can shake a maraca with the best of them at Mainly Music. I think we have an amazing resource of faith in the Anglican Church and very keen to share the treasure of our *Via Media* and interaction of scripture, tradition and reason in new ways to new audiences. I'm not a musician myself but certainly have some opinions about things old AND new and have been blessed to work with some wonderful music teams of all shapes, sizes and proclivities.

I was well trained as a theological student at St John's Cathedral so know when to behave liturgically when I have to but also one for warmth, welcome and generous hospitality when needed too. There's plenty of video evidence on the St John's Jedburgh YouTube channel and feel free to ask the folk in Gympie who will attest I hope to being comforted by familiar things in worship while being stretched gently to embrace other stuff.

Coming home connects me back to my brother and his family on the northside and other family further afield in NSW and Tasmania and back to exploring our wonderful Queensland environment and the cultural life of the city. I enjoy reading social history and biography and watching far too many home renovation programs despite not having a place of my own to practice on. I'm looking forward to getting wet in a pool, having coffee in the sun, wearing more shorts and patting lots of dogs. I will be deeply distracted if you have a furry friend but will try to listen despite wagging tails and games with sticks.

It will be some time before CoVid travel restrictions allow me back in the country but know that I am holding you all in prayer as I know you will for me.



Blessings to you all... Andrew