



KNITTING CIRCLE

St John's Kitting Circle has been busy! These were their completed items from their April gathering. The next gathering will be on May 17th 2023 in the Maheno Room from 9:30am. All are welcome to come along. Those of us who don't know how to knit or crochet can come along for a chat, or even better, learn a new craft! Wouldn't that be grand! See you there!



MORE THAN JUST A CUPPA...
an opportunity to show welcome
and build community.

We have space in our volunteer team for Morning Tea after the 9.00am service, on the **Second and Third Sundays of each month**. It involves bringing milk and cake or biscuits, and setting up and putting away.
Sarah in the Parish Office is keen to hear from you.

REVEREND ANDREW COOPER'S FINAL SERVICE 8:30AM 21ST MAY



Reverend Andrew's **last service** with the Parish will be on **Sunday 21st May**, and we would like to farewell him together as a community of faith, and as a group of friends.

There will be **one service**, at **8.30am**, and Reverend Andrew will preside at that service, assisted by Reverend Karen and Reverend Quinn.

After the service we will hold a **massive Morning Tea** and Farewell in the Maheno Room and we are **asking everyone to bring a contribution**, sweet or savoury, for Andrew's last day with us.

Please come and make this an event to remember and to celebrate Andrew's two years of ministry with St Johns, with all that he has done for us, and to wish him well in his future both outside and inside the Anglican Church.

7th May 2023 EASTER FIVE

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST

EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



ST STEPHEN, THE MARTYR

Witness for Jesus,
man of fruitful blood,
Your martyrdom begins
and stands for all.
They saw the stones, you
saw the face of God,
And sowed a seed that
blossomed in St. Paul.
When Saul departed breathing
threats and slaughter
He had to pass through
that Damascus gate
Where he had held the coats
and heard the laughter
As Christ, alive in you,
forgave his hate,
And showed him the same
light you saw from heaven
And taught him, through
his blindness, how to see;
Christ did not ask
'Why were you stoning Stephen?'
But 'Saul, why are you
persecuting me?'
Each martyr after you
adds to his story,
As clouds of witness shine
through clouds of glory.

Poem: malcolmguite.wordpress.com

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THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY	9th	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting Morning Tea followed by Hoy
FRIDAY	12th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	14th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Family Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 14/5	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa	Roland/Sarah
MUSIC	Howard	Howard
READERS	Ann/Felicity/Rose	Lisa/Linda P
INTERCESSOR	Allan T	Charmaine
MORNING TEA		
WELCOMERS	Allan T /Felicity	Stephen J/Volunteer
AUDIO VISUAL	Roslyn	Volunteer
FLOWERS Caroline	CHURCH CLEANING Barbara	

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 7TH MAY

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14.6

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 7.55-60

ALLAN THOMSON LINDA PHILLIPS

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31.1-5; 31.17-18

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.

**2. O deliver me in your righteousness:
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**

3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

**4. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,
for you are my strength.**

5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

**17. All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.**

18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2.11–25

ANN WINFIELD MICHAEL SMIT

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor. Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL: John 14.1–14**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Parish Prayers****The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:****In The World: -**

- ◇ The Church in Wales

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Diocese of Brisbane: Bishop Administrator - †Cameron Venables, Assistant Bishops - †Jeremy Greaves, †John Roundhill; Clergy and People
- ◇ · **The Parish of Bulimba: Andrew Cooper, Karen Jansson, Quinn Humphreys**
- ◇ · Queensland Churches Together
- ◇ · Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera: Principal - Maria Woods; Chaplain - David Adams; Chair of School Council - Robert Seljak; members of School Council; staff & students

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Douglas, Kerry, Helena, Daniel, Roy, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Vince, Helen, Rev Paul Bland, Ray, Joan, Pam, Laurie, Lionel .

Prayer at the time of choosing an Archbishop.

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. May your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GUILD MEETING AND HOY

The monthly Guild Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 8.30am in the Maheno Room, followed by morning tea and Hoy at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to join this happy little group and they can teach you how to play! Morning Tea provided.

In Memory**May 7th—May 14th**

Henry Fletcher (1943) Elva Gillas (2008)
Lancelot Michael Walsh (2006) Elsie Ellen Humphery (2008)



Message from Reverend Andrew. His final service 8:30am 21st May.

Last Sunday was a big day. It was announced that I have resigned as Priest in Charge of St John's Bulimba, leaving active ministry and seeking secular employment. While I hadn't really been looking, I have been offered and accepted the position of Senior Coordinator, Peer

Support at Cancer Council Qld. This a big change and comes after much discernment but does allow me to bring my lived experience as a survivor of cancer and the skills and knowledge I bring in working with people like you.

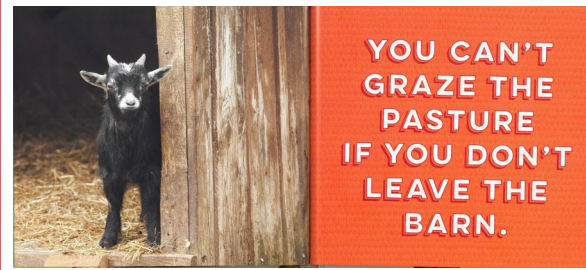
What's behind it? I've been struggling to maintain function within the church for some time and reached a major mental health crisis. I have spent so much energy in maintaining a functioning face to the world that eventually I got to the point where I had nothing left to draw on. The doctors and psychologist I have been working with for some time advised that a major circuit break had to occur to allow for healing and wellness.

I am so grateful for the care and support of the folk of St John's. You are a wonderful congregation in a wonderful part of Brisbane and I know you will continue to bring the good news of Jesus alive in this place. I'm sad that I don't have the resources to care for you as you deserve... and to be honest... to continue to try and manage life in the institutional church at a time when the place of LGBTI+ people is so contentious.

I am still on extended leave but will finish formally at the end of May. I would like to join you for a final service and say goodbye properly and in person. I am not leaving the Anglican Church completely. I will retain a license with permission to officiate and in time will continue to support others in the field of spiritual direction and contemplative community... but it's rest and recuperation first.

So, it's big changes, quite a bit of grief, but relief and anticipation at a positive pathway into the future. I am confident though that our loving God will surround us all as make big adjustments.

Every blessing, Andrew.



Jesus said Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Quinn's First Thanksgiving for a Child (He's a little bit excited!) Wee Gabriella Jean Bellina 30.04.2023



Last Sunday, Reverend Quinn had the privilege of leading a service of Thanksgiving for a Child where Matthew and Stephanie Bellina, in the presence of their family and friends gave thanks to God for their first child, wee Gabriella Jean Bellina. Their special symbol for the day was Bees, as they used to call Gabriella "*their little Bee Bellina*" until her birth. They chose to be surprised whether the delightful Gabriella's was a boy or a girl when she was born.

