

8 DECEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

# ST JOHN

THE BAPTIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM— SONG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

<b>THURSDAY</b>	12	9.30am	Mahjong—Church Christmas break-up Party
<b>FRIDAY</b>	13	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	15	7.30am 9.00am	Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist

**Welcome!**

*We are glad you are with us!  
Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.  
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.*

Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.

*Mark 1.15*

**HYMNS: 7.30 : MP: 210, 538, 563, 102.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance; help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 11: 1-10

ANN WINFIELD    THERESE REIN

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**PSALM 72.1-7, 18-21 : ( VERSES SAID ALTERNATELY BETWEEN READER AND CONGREGATION)**

1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**
3. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
5. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**
7. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 18. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**
19. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth.  
Amen and Amen.
- 20. The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.**

**2ND READING: ROMANS 15.4-13:**

PETER JOHNSTON      ALISON JACKSON

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3.1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### **SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST**

The Parish Nominators, Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey and Sarah Davies, are continuing the discernment process to identify and appoint a new Rector for our Parish. We are not permitted to discuss the progress of our investigations, or the names which we are considering but be assured that we are seeking a Rector who will be a good fit for our Parish; someone who will lead, nurture and grow our congregation and our mission. As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can consider, and ask for your prayers to uphold us in this vital search. Please pray the prayer in the Pew Bulletin as part of your daily prayers. In the meantime Father Lindsay Howie will be our locum and will perform the usual duties of our Rector but will not commence any major projects or initiatives. That will be part of the role of our future parish priest.

If you have any questions about the discernment and selection process please approach one of the Nominators. In the meantime, and during the process, please hold us, all the members of our Parish, and our locum Father Lindsay in your prayers.

Allan, Dianne and Sarah

#### **Prayer for our New Rector**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### In The World: -

- ⇒ **Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world:**  
Sheran Harper - Worldwide President: Bev Jullien - Chief Executive
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Bunbury:** †Ian Coutts, Clergy and People

#### In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Toowoomba, St Luke's:** Paul Mitchell, Peter Mayen, Fred Ailwood, Terry Leonard, Bill Watson, Bp Clyde Wood, Malcolm Twine, Sharon Mitchell
- ⇒ **St Margaret's Home Assist, Secure, Sandgate**
- ⇒ **Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim:** Principal – Stuart Meade; Chaplain – Lizzie Gaitskell; Chair of College Council – Evan Gilbert; members of College Council; staff & students

**Locally.** We pray for children, teachers and school staff as school ends; for their safe return and time of rest.

**Pray for The Sick:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry, Gloria, Andrew, Joseph, Elizabeth.

*(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)*

### IN MEMORY, DECEMBER 8– DECEMBER 14

### REGINALD CHAMBERLAIN, 2010; JOHN LAWRENCE, 1980.

#### Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions

The Second Sunday of Advent– Sunday 8 December 2019

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist quotes the prophecy of Isaiah: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. How can we prepare the way of the Lord this

Advent? As Isaiah tells us, by proclaiming (in deed and in word) good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favour.

Pray this week for the chance to proclaim to others the fullness of life that Jesus offers the world.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan.

Text: Robert McLean, Partnerships Missioner  
2019

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*Carols on the Church Lawn*

*Tonight*

*Sunday 8th December*

*Starting at 6.30pm*

*Mince Pies and Soft drink available. Gold coin donation for  
Drought Angels drought relief in Queensland*

**CHRISTMAS and JANUARY SERVICES**

***December 24th Christmas Eve***

**6.00pm**—Christingle Service, a very special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Very family orientated. (the children love it.)

**11.30pm**—Mid-night Eucharist

***December 25th Christmas Day***

**7.30am**—Sung Eucharist

**9.00am**—Family Eucharist

***December 29th***

**8.30am**— Combined Parish Eucharist

***January 5th***

**8.30am**— Combined Parish Eucharist

***No Friday Eucharist on 27th December or 3rd January***

***January 12th***

**7.30am** – Sung Eucharist

## Food Donation for Giving Tree

We are collecting non-perishable food (no fresh food please) for donation to the Goodna Parish to help those in need in their Parish this Christmas:

Please leave your donations of groceries and toiletries under the Christmas tree in church by Sunday 15th December so Father Lindsay can deliver them in time for pre-Christmas distribution.

They have 500 needy families in their parish and are making up as many hampers of food as possible for Christmas.

## Last day for donations next Sunday 15th December

*Have spare old spectacles and don't know what to do with them?*

*Spare pairs of spectacles, in their case if possible, will be collected (a basket in church under the small table at the back) and taken to the Philippines.*

*Caroline, Samuel and Lydia will be going in January 2020 and will take any donations with them.*



## HELP WANTED

**Christingle Making:** On Christmas Eve, at 10.00am in the Maheno Room, we will be making Christingles for the evening service. Please come along and help in this fun event. All materials supplied.

**Church Cleaning:** We have a small, and diminishing, band of volunteers who clean the church building each week. We really need more volunteers to help monthly, or less frequently if we have more volunteers. You will dust, vacuum (we have a Vacuumaid) and maybe a little light polishing. If you can spare an hour or so once every 4-6 weeks (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning), please contact Ann Winfield on 0422931726. She will be very happy to hear from you and arrange some simple instruction.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 15 December 2019

Isaiah 35.1-10  
Song of Mary (APBA, pp 31, 435)  
James 5.7-10  
Matthew 11.2-11

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.S</b>	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
<b>READERS</b>	Don Hann Margaret Salter	Carmel Colbert Michael Smit
<b>INTERCESSORS</b>	Allan Thomson	Canon Keith Colbert
<b>DOOR</b>	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Jenny Franklin
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Roslyn Thomson Allan Thomson	Children's Church Bjorn & Lauren Holdt
<b>FLOWERS</b>	No flowers in Advent	

### **WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining us in our worship today.

We are happy to join with you in fellowship. If you are here for the first time, or would like to be more involved in our parish please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, or clergy.

You can also complete one of the green cards on the table near the main door, to give us your contact details if you would like a call, or to be on our parish contact list.

You can put the card in the collection plate or hand it to a welcomer.  
We hope you will join us for coffee after the service.

The green cards can also be used for updating your contact details if you are already a part of our parish.

**Don't forget to register your vehicle to be exempt as a Parishioner to park in the car park or you will receive a fine.**