

8 SEPTEMBER 2019 - TODAY'S SERVICES

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30AM— SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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TUESDAY	10	8.50am 10.00am	Guild Meeting –Maheno Room Morning Tea followed by Hoy— Maheno Room—\$5—all welcome
THURSDAY	12	9.30am	Mah-jong—Church
FRIDAY	13	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	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:

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. *Luke 14.27*

HYMNS: 7.30 MP: 857, 48, 564, 188.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: JEREMIAH 18. 1-11

PETER JOHNSTON SARAH DAVIES

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

PSALM 139. 1-5,12-18: (said alternately between reader and congregation)

1. O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2. **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**
3. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
4. **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**
5. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

PSALM 139. 1-5,12-18: (said alternately between reader and congregation)

12. even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

13. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

15. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

17. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18. I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

2ND READING: PHILEMON 1-25

RUTH SOUTHGATE MICHAEL SMIT

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14.25-35.

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH PRIEST

Since the departure of our Rector, Fr John Milburn, many of you will be wondering how the Parish will go about selecting a new Parish Priest for St John's. Our three Nominators; Allan Thomson (Warden), Dianne Coffey (Warden) and Sarah Davies; were elected at the AGM to be the parishioners who would be responsible for the selection of a new Parish Priest on behalf of the parish. Their work has begun. Please see the information leaflet which will explain the process of discernment, discussion and finally appointment of a parish priest .

As you can see this may well be a lengthy process taking many months to find the right person for our Parish.

The nominators are not permitted to discuss any part of their search, whether it be names or other details of possible candidates.

We welcome your suggestions of names, which we can pass on and 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, a "locum" or temporary parish priest has been appointed, Father Lindsay Howie, who will conduct the regular Friday and Sunday services as usual. He 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 (Allan, Dianne and Sarah). 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

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ⇒ **The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan:** †Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum
- ⇒ **The Diocese of Bunbury:** †Ian Coutts, Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ⇒ **The Parish of Cunnamulla (Maranoa-Warrego Anglican Mission Area):**
Rick Gummow
- ⇒ **Kilcoy Country Companions**
- ⇒ **Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim:** Principal – Stuart Meade; Chaplain – Lizzie Gaitskell; Chair of College Council – Evan Gilbert; members of College Council; staff & students

Locally. For those struggling with depression, anxiety and the long-term effects of trauma; that they will find God's peace and love.

Pray for The Sick: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Dawn, 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, SEPTEMBER 8-15

DAVID SANDERSON, WHOSE FUNERAL WAS ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

STANLEY CORONE, 2018

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 Givings

Lots of us fumble in our pockets on Sundays for our collection, or use the Givings envelopes on a regular basis when in church. Parish Council would like to encourage more members of the Parish to donate regularly via the Parish Direct scheme run by ANFIN, so that your givings are regular and predictable. This greatly assists Parish Council to budget for the year ahead, with a clearer idea of our income. It is a very simple deduction to set up using the ANFIN brochure at the back of the church.

Our Parish account details are BSB 704 901, account 00014573 if you wish to set up a direct deduction from your own bank account.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many of you faithfully pack a shoebox for children overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are collected in October, and Samaritan's Purse co-ordinates their delivery at Christmas to children in developing countries who would otherwise not hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting shoeboxes, and items to go in them, at the back of the church to take to collections centre. If you cannot fill a box please donate suitable items to go in a box. Suitable things to go in a box are something to wear, something to love (soft toy etc), something for school (pencil case with pencils, crayons, sharpener etc); a toy or game to play with; hygiene items such as toothbrushes and comb, and something special (stickers, sunglasses, hair clips). Please do not include anything war or violence related, any food items such as sweets, anything breakable or anything which might leak such as toothpaste. Please go to the website to register and pay for your box delivery (\$10 per box) and to print labels for boy/girl and age group.

Pew Reflections from Anglican Board of Missions

Sunday 8 September 2019– Pentecost 13



Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35

Does Jesus really require us to destroy self, family and all other meaningful human relationships, as well as getting rid of all our possessions (whether useful or not), in order to be his disciples? In other passages he urges us to love one another and tells us that this love is the test of discipleship.

So, he doesn't really want us to hate anyone. He is using typical Middle Eastern exaggeration (as he often did) to get people's attention and drive home the point that all other loyalties need to be subsidiary to our relationship with him.

Give thanks for our creator God's faithfulness to you (Psalm), and pray that you will be a 'salty' disciple of Jesus.

Give thanks for the Church of Ceylon, which covers most of Sri Lanka, remembering their ministry in a multi-religious context.

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 Wednesday 18th September, at 9.30am. A delicious morning tea is served.

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 10th September in the Maheno Room, starting at 8.50am for the Guild Meeting followed at 10.00am for Hoy. A lovely morning tea is served before playing Hoy so if you or anyone you know would like to have a morning of fun and fellowship please join these friendly ladies.

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

Next stall is on Sunday 22nd September. The people manning the stall have noticed that jams, slices and small cakes sell well. Thanks to those who faithfully bring donations of cakes, or who help to run the stall.

Mah-jong Group:

The Mah-jong Group meets Thursday morning from 9.30am—12.30pm in the Hall or Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us. Tea and coffee is supplied.

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.

Junior Ichthus 29 September to 4 October

Junior Ichthus (Grades 7-9) is on during the coming school holidays at PCYC Bornhoffen Camp on the Gold Coast. Brochures are at the back of the church and registration is via aycf.org.au. Registration closes 16th September.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

either 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a or 1 Timothy1

Luke 15.1-10

ROSTERED DUTIES	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.S	Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland	Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby
READERS	Susan Rowe Ann Winfield	Teen Church
INTERCESSORS	Allan Thomson	Teen Church
DOOR	Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield	Stephen Jones Jenny Franklin
TEA / COFFEE	Volunteers	Children's Church Bjorn & Lauren Holds
FLOWERS	Dianne	

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.