

9 APRIL 2017 - TODAY'S SERVICES  
 SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT-  
 PALM SUNDAY  
 7.30AM—SUNG  
 EUCHARIST  
 9.00AM—FAMILY  
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# ST JOHN

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Incorporating ministries with Eastern Hills Parish

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	11	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>THURSDAY</b>	13	8.30am 9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church The Last Supper Holy Communion with Taize Music followed by a vigil
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	14	10.00am	The Last Hour— a liturgy of reflection prayer and hymns
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>JESUS IS RISEN</b>	16	7.30am and 9.00am	A celebration of the resurrection. Renewal of Baptism vows A liturgy of light and movement

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.10–11*

**HYMNS:** 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 333 219, 345 verses 1-5, 231.

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**1ST READING: ISAIAH 50.4-9A** Linda Mitchell Michael Smit

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**Psalm 31. 9-18** (verses will be said alternately with the reader and the congregation)

9. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**10. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

11. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**12. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

## **Psalm (Continued)**

13. For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
- 14. But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, ‘You are my God.’**
15. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- 16. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**
17. Do not let me be put to shame, O Lord, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.
- 18. Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.**

**SECOND READING: : PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11**

Allan Thomson Judith Hancock

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 27.11-54.**

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, ‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’

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**GOSPEL:**      *(CONTINUED)*

All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

## Parish Prayers

### The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

#### *In The World: -*

**The Diocese of Jerusalem - (Jerusalem & Middle East): †Suheil Dawani**

**The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn :** †Stuart Robinson; Assistant Bishops †Trevor Edwards, †Stephen Pickard, †Matt Brain; Clergy and People

#### *In The Diocese:*

**The Parish of Samford:** Nicole Anderson

**Ridley Road Community Men's Shed**

**St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School:** Principal - Karen Spiller; Chaplain – Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council – Cecile Wake; School Council members

**Locally:** All those still being affected by the recent weather system.

**Pray for The Sick:** Joel, Jim, Valmai, Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Steph, Kerrie, Ollie, John, Roselee, Esther, Pam D., Linda, Drew, Mark, Kerry, Helena, Audrey, Dawn.

*(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)*



The Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday – Sunday 9 April 2017

Matthew 21.1-11 (Palm Gospel); Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54.

In the longer version of the Passion, we hear that Judas goes to the authorities in order to betray Jesus for financial (and thus, short-term) advantage. We'd all like to think that we wouldn't do the same thing, but Judas, like us, was one of Jesus' followers. We could all fall into that same self-serving net. Despite Judas' treachery, Jesus sets out to fulfil God's mission, whether the crowds are crying Hosanna! or Crucify!

Pray that you will remain a faithful disciple, following Jesus and sharing in his sorrows.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

Maundy Thursday 24th March—7.00pm	<b>The Last Supper</b> Jesus sits with his disciples And prepares to face the cross Holy Communion with Taize Music followed by a vigil
Good Friday 25th March—10.00am	<b>Jesus is Crucified</b> The Last Hour— a liturgy of reflection, prayer and hymns
Easter Day 27th March—7.30 & 9.00am	<b>Jesus is Risen!</b> A celebration of the resurrection Renewal of Baptism vows A liturgy of light and movement

## WHAT WE DO

### **Little Children's Church:**

Little Children's Church is currently having a break for the school holidays. Little Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 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.

### **Knitting Circle:**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, the next meeting is on Wednesday 19th April at 9.30 am.

### **St. John's Guild:**

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday 11th April 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 at the back of the Church. If you can play mah-jong, or would like to learn, please join us . Tea and coffee is supplied.

### **Cake & Book Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish):**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our stalls last Sunday. Despite looking very overcast it stayed fine for us to raise \$842 for the Parish. Our next cake and book stalls are on Sunday 23rd April.

# SONGS FROM THE TRENCHES CONCERT

Sunday April 30, 2.00pm-5.00pm

St. John's Anglican Church, Bulimba



The 'Toc H Anzac Concert - Songs from the trenches is on at St John's on Sunday April 30. Don't miss out. Tickets are on sale now via [www.trybooking.com/PKSU](http://www.trybooking.com/PKSU). Our well known, award winning, Brisbane home grown musician, Francesca de Valence has put together a wonderful concert that we would really appreciate your support and attendance to. It's for a worthwhile cause to ensure Toc H Northern Region can continue to do the fine community work it does. This includes the Ekka day out where since 1927 we have taken hospitalised children and those from low socio-economic means for a day out to the Ekka. Last year we had over 250 children. Then there's the Queensland Children's Hospital Easter effort from our Toc H St Margaret's Anglican Girls School branch just to mention a couple. The list goes on.

But to do this work and to remain viable today, we have to undertake fund-raising. Hence the concert.

So what is Toc H? Toc H was founded by Queensland born army chaplain Tubby Clayton in WW1 to provide an escape for our men in the trenches on the Western Front. Despite it starting in Talbot House in the little Belgium village of Poperinghe just miles from Ypres, it grew into a huge charitable movement after the war and continues with branches and chapters in the UK, Australia, Belgium, France, South Africa and India today.

If you have a few minutes spare, refer to the Northern Region website for which Tony Rigby and Shirley Patton sit on the executive.

<http://www.tochnorthernregion.org/> It provides the history of Toc H and what they do today locally.

# Next Weeks Readings

## Easter Day

**Sunday 16 April 2017**

Acts 10.34-43

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3.1-4;

Matthew 28.1-10.

<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>	Vanessa Hanlon Joy Kelly	Volunteer Louise Tervett
<b>DOOR</b>	Stuart Winfield Volunteer	Stephen Jones Judith Hancock
<b>TEA / COFFEE</b>	Dorothy Cameron	Bjorn and Lauren Holdt
<b>OFFERTORY COUNTER</b>	Michael O'Kearney Magaret O'Kearney	Sarah Davies Allan Thomson
<b>TEEN CHURCH</b>	School Holidays	
<b>LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	School Holidays	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Caroline	

**Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week; Last Week \$1281.70**

**A deficit of \$493.30**

**Yearly giving is \$5542.45 under budget**