

9 JULY 2017 TODAY'S SERVICE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—SUNG EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| TUESDAY | 11 | 8.30am 8.50am 10.00am 7.30pm | Morning Prayer Guild Meeting—Maheno Room Hoy & morning tea—Maheno Room Parish Council –Maheno Room |
| WEDNESDAY | 12 | 8.30am | Morning Prayer |
| THURSDAY | 13 | 8.30am 9.30am | Morning Prayer Mah-jong—Church |
| FRIDAY | 14 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| SATURDAY | 15 | 2.00pm | Hagerty/Burke Wedding |
| SUNDAY | 16 | 7.30am 9.00am 3.00pm-4.30pm | Sung Eucharist Family Eucharist Connect2Veterans –Maheno Room |

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’
Matthew 11.28–29

HYMNS: 7.30am Eucharist:- **TIS:** 642, 164, 410, 531.

9.00am Eucharist:-**As One Voice Book 1:** 25, 12, 37, 78.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1ST READING: GENESIS 24.34-38,42-49,58-67

Linda Mitchell Brian Roy

So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, “You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.” ‘I came today to the spring, and said, “O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, ‘Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,’ and who will say to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels also’—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.” ‘Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, “Please let me drink.” She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, “Drink, and I will also water your camels.” So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?”

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1ST READING: (Continued:)

She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

PSALM 45.10-17 (verses said alternately between the reader and congregation)

10. Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house,
- 11. and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;**
12. the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people
- 13. with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;**
14. in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
- 15. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.**
16. In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.
- 17. I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.**

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin..

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11.16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Parish Prayers

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ **The Diocese of Okinawa - (Japan):** †David Eisho Uehara
- ◇ **The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn :** †Stuart Robinson; Assistant Bishops: †Trevor Edwards, †Stephen Pickard, †Matt Brain; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ **The Parish of Holland Park:** Allan Paulsen, Bernard Thomas
- ◇ **Green Hills Anglican Community Caring Ministries**
- ◇ **St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School:** Principal - Karen Spiller; Chaplain – Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council – Cecile Wake; School Council members

Locally: For all in sleeping on the streets.

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, Ethan, Kirby Family, Chris, Stephanie.

(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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 9 July 2017

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17; Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30.

The tides of white noise in our everyday lives have meant that many of us have cultivated a skill that stands in our way of being true disciples – selective hearing. How seldom we truly and deeply listen to others!

Jesus in this Gospel account says to us, 'Let anyone with ears listen!' before rebuking an unrepentant generation. Jesus then challenges us to heed his call to himself, to seek rest for our world-wearied souls.

The ocean of white noise rushes over us, crashing and splashing, very nearly drowning out Jesus' call from the shore for rest. Sometimes God speaks to us through the words of others, if only we would listen.

Pray that we will have ears to hear over the white noise, and courage in obedience to his call on our lives.

Give thanks for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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9 July 2017 News & Coming Events for your Diary

- ◇ If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**. Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.
- ◇ Tuesday 11 July: 8.50am—Guild Meeting—Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 11 July: 10.00am—Hoy & Morning tea—Maheno Room \$5 all welcome
- ◇ Tuesday 11 July: 7.30pm—Parish Council—Maheno Room
- ◇ Thursday 13 July: 9.30am—Mah-jong –Church
- ◇ Friday 14 July: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 15 July: 2.00pm Hegarty/Burke Wedding
- ◇ Sunday 16 July: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist
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SAMARITAN'S PURSE: (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOXES ARE:-

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

SOMETHING TO LOVE Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO WEAR T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (No toothpaste)*

SOMETHING SPECIAL Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

If you don't wish to do up a box yourself, items as per the above list can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

If you do up boxes, please leave them at the back of the Church for collection.

Last year 57,000 shoe boxes were sent from Queensland.
Let's see if we can better that in 2017.

WHAT WE DO

Knitting Circle:

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

St. John's Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be next Tuesday 11th July 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):

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 23rd July. The people manning the stalls have noticed that large cakes such as fruit cakes are not easy to sell, so perhaps if you are one of the fine cooks who make these larger cakes, you may consider making smaller ones which seem to be in demand and sell much better.

Teen Church:

Teen Church is an exciting new 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.

Little Children's Church:

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. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us.

Next Weeks Readings

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 16 July 2017

Genesis 25.19-34;
Psalm 119.105-112;
Romans 8.1-11;
Matthew 13.1-9, [10-17], 18-23.

| ROSTERED DUTIES | 7.30AM | 9.00AM |
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| L.A.'s | Vanessa Hanlon Robert Bland | Sarah Davies Roland Sowerby |
| READERS | Vanessa Hanlon Joy Kelly | Teen Church |
| DOOR | Lionel Rowe Stuart Winfield | Teen Church |
| TEA / COFFEE | Dorothy Cameron Volunteer | Teen Church Bjorn & Lauren Holds |
| OFFERTORY COUNTER | Michael O'Kearney Margaret O'Kearney | Sarah Davies Allan Thomson |
| TEEN CHURCH | | |
| LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH | | |
| FLOWERS | | Judith |

Weekly Giving : Budget \$1775/Week;

Last Week \$1177.00

Yearly giving is \$10468.75 under budget