

22 AUGUST 2021 - TODAY'S SERVICES

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM—EUCHARIST

9.00AM—FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

**THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	27	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>FRIDAY</b>	27	6.30pm	Commissioning of Reverend Andrew Cooper Numbers restricted invitation only
<b>SUNDAY</b>	29	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist with Sunday School

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If you do not have the app the COVID Warden can add your details.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN. WE HAVE A FEW FOR THOSE WITHOUT.**

**PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MINIMISE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT.**

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

*John 6.63*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### 1ST READING: 1 KINGS 8.1,8.6,8.10-11,8.22-30,8.41-43    JUNE PARKER    ROLAND SOWERBY

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name -for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

## PSALM 84.

1. How lovely is your dwelling-place: O Lord God of hosts!
2. ***My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***
3. The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. ***Blessed are those who dwell in your house:  
they will always be praising you.***
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you:  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
6. ***Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink:  
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.***
7. They go from strength to strength:  
they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
8. **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
give ear, O God of Jacob.**
9. Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:  
and look upon the face of your anointed.
10. ***One day in your courts is better than a thousand:  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents  
of ungodliness.***
11. For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour:  
and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
12. **O Lord God of hosts:  
blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6. 10-20

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### ***Reflection:***



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 22 August 2021

1 Kings 8.1, 8.6, 8.10-11, 8.22-30, 8.41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

*We are exhorted by St Paul today to put on the whole armour of God. So he wants us to lead lives that are marked by truth, by righteousness, by whatever will make us ready to proclaim the gospel of peace, by faith, by salvation, and by the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*He tells us to 'keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints' and so we should pray for all the saints (that is, members of the church) throughout the world*

*Remember the Church throughout the world in your prayers this week and Give thanks for the work and witness of the Amity Foundation, China.*

## PARISH PRAYERS

### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

#### IN THE WORLD: -

- ◇ The Anglican Church of South America
- ◇ The Diocese of Rockhampton: †Peter Grice; Clergy and People

#### IN THE DIOCESE:

- ◇ The Parish of Leichhardt-Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area (LCAMA): Vacant
- ◇ Anglicare SQ Mental Health & Wellbeing (Beenleigh)
- ◇ St John's College UQ: Warden - Rose Alwyn; Chaplain - Vacant;  
Chair of Council - John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

**Locally:** We pray for our Parish as we prepare for Rev Andrew Cooper's Commissioning and for all those participating in that event. We welcome visitors and clergy to our church.

**Pray for The Sick:** Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Kerry, Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod, Max, Eileen, Val.

### ***A Prayer to be said between the Announcement & Commissioning Of our New Parish Priest***

*We give you thanks, O God for calling your servant Andrew to come  
amongst us as priest and pastor.  
Strengthen and sustain him as he prepares for this transition.  
Be with us as we welcome him into our midst,  
that we may faithfully minister together  
in the name of the one who said to his disciples,  
'I am among you as one who serves,'  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### IN MEMORY, AUGUST 16—AUGUST 22

*Rhelma Lara Donaldson—(1999) Leslie Karayan—(2013)  
Ivy Martha Dennison—(2005) Peter Andrew Crooke—(2006)  
Ethel Emmie Bedford—(1995) Atcheson James Bellamy—(2019)*

# **PARISH NEWS**

## REVEREND ANDREW COOPER'S COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The date for Reverend Andrew's Commissioning Service has been confirmed as Friday 27th August 2021 at 6.30pm. Our regional Bishop, Bishop John Roundhill, will conduct the Commissioning.

Because of the current Covid rules we can only have 50 people in the church at this stage so we have had to limit the list of invitations to those required to be there, plus a small number of our congregation. As you can imagine, this is very disappointing for us and we will open it up to other parishioners at short notice. We are offering supper afterwards and we may be able to hold that on the lawn, weather permitting, and, if so, more members of the Parish can come along.

Rev Andrew's first services will be 7.30am and 9.00am on 29th August. We may have to limit those to 50 as well. If we do, please understand that we are following the current regulation.

In the meantime, Rev Andrew is settling into his new temporary home in Brisbane while he finds more permanent accommodation. His stay at Howard Springs was uneventful but he narrowly escaped the Northern Territory lockdown. He is delighted to be here.

# **WHAT WE DO**

## **KNITTING CIRCLE**

Our Knitting Circle consists of a group of dedicated ladies who meet monthly to knit beanies, blankets and other items, and to enjoy morning tea together. The blankets are donated to Regis Bulimba and the beanies to the Missions to Seamen. They welcome new members and also donations of suitable wool. They meet (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th of September.

## **GUILD AND HOY**

The St John's Guild is our women's fellowship group and will next meet on Tuesday 14th September at 8.45 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea at 10.00am followed by Hoy at 10.30am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

## **CAKE STALLS ARE BACK—SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST**

Our monthly Cake Stall is on today (Sunday 22nd August) on the lawn. Please buy generously. If every communicant buys one cake they will quickly be sold! Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall. Our cake stall raises much-needed funds which go to make up the shortfall in our weekly givings.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School runs during the 9.00am service and welcomes children of all ages. We have two leaders on each Sunday, and would welcome new volunteers. If you wish to volunteer you will need to have a Blue Card.

Parents can accompany younger children if they wish. The children go to Sunday School usually after the first hymn and return for the Eucharist.

## **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Day of prayer for refugees  
Sunday 29 August 2021***

Song of Songs 2.8-13;  
Psalm 45.1-2, 45.6-9;  
James 1.17-27;  
Mark 7.1-8, 7.14-23

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30 AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Allan Thomson	Sarah Davies
<b>READER</b>	Margaret	Sarah
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Tony	Roland
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	No morning tea	No morning tea
<b>COVID WARDEN</b>	Volunteers needed.	Colin
<b>IT MANAGER</b>		Sarah
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Caroline and Dianne	
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Marg & Felicity	

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