

29 AUGUST 2021 - TODAY'S SERVICES

FOURTEENTH 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>	3	10.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY</b>	5	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist with Sunday School

We are recording attendance through the Queensland Government's app Check in Queensland, which is used in hospitality venues. Please add the app onto your phone. You will find that it remembers your details. The Queensland Government stores the information securely and disposes of it according to the regulations. The Parish has no access to the information.

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.**

**Priest-in-Charge**

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## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. *James 1.17*

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### 1ST READING: SONG OF SONGS 2.8-13

MARGARET SALTER SARAH DAVIES

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

## PSALM 45.1-2, 45.6-9

1. My heart is astir with fine phrases, I make my song for a king:  
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

**2. *You are the fairest of men, grace flows from your lips:  
therefore has God blessed you for ever and ever.***

6. Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever:  
and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

**7. *You have loved righteousness and hated evil:  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your  
fellows.***

8. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia:  
music from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**9. *Kings' daughters are among your noble women:  
the queen is at your right hand in gold of Ophir.***

## SECOND READING: JAMES 1.17-27

MARGARET SALTER SARAH DAVIES

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## GOSPEL: MARK 7.1-8, 7.14-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, 'It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

### **Reflection:**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost— 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



*James tells us to 'be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like'. James wants us to let what we have heard impel us into action. No sitting in the pews not letting the Spirit into our lives to disturb us. He wants us to 'welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save [our] souls and then get out and do something for God.*

*Send your Spirit to us, Lord, that we might find ourselves disturbed into action for the sake of your kingdom*

*Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of South India.*

## PARISH PRAYERS

### THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

#### *IN THE WORLD: -*

- ◇ **The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

#### *IN THE DIOCESE:*

- ◇ **The Parish of Maryborough:** Sue Wilson, Jeff Balnaves, Godfrey Gilmour, Andrea Maslin, Melissa Marshall
- ◇ **Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, North Coast (Bundaberg)**

**Locally:** We pray for our Parish as we commence this new phase of our Parish mission. We pray for Rev Andrew, our Churchwardens and Parish Councillors, for wisdom, discernment and joy in our planning.

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

IN MEMORY, AUGUST 23—AUGUST 29

*John Tunley Conde (2014)*

# PARISH NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ANDREW

By the time anyone reads this I hope that I am fully and rightly commissioned as your new Priest-in-Charge and had a chance to see how comfortable the chair is in the sanctuary!!

The last three weeks... well 6/8 weeks really... has been an absolute whirlwind of activity and not a little stress and anxiety to be fair. But luckily I have now traversed the globe, done my time in the Centre for National Resilience in Darwin and even spent four days with the clergy of the Diocese at the annual clergy conference in Noosa.

In among that Sarah and I have wrangled IT in the office, I have sorted out most of the bits of life administration involved in returning from overseas and had a wee sniff at the property market in the search for a long term residence. I'm very comfortable in temporary accommodation in the meantime though.

There are so many things I want to know about you and how you live the way of Jesus here in this patch of God's earth... and I'm sure you have many questions about me and what weird plans I might have for you all. The Lord only knows what rumors and inside stories are circulating... some are possibly true!!

To be honest at this stage the only plan I have is to watch, listen and ask a heap of probably dumb and obvious questions as I get to know you and your hopes, dreams and aspirations a bit better. Often the best way to do this is over a cuppa or a meal... so I look forward to sitting across from you at your kitchen table, grand dining room, deck or veranda or favorite cafe on Oxford Street and hearing your story... at least the polite new-priest version to start with. I dare say much will be revealed as time goes on... if only from me.

Don't wait for me to contact you... I will track you down eventually, but let's begin this thing you and I and the bishops have kicked off. It's pretty exciting really!!!

Every blessing.

Andrew

# **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 26TH SEPTEMBER**

Our monthly Cake Stall is on Sunday 26th September 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. Last week's stall raised \$917.25, a very welcome result so thank you.

## **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

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Sunday 5 September 2021*

Proverbs 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23;  
Psalm 125;  
James 2.1-10, 14-17  
Mark 7.24-37

<b>ROSTERED DUTIES</b>	<b>7.30 AM</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>L.A.'s</b>	Margaret Roslyn	Howard
<b>READER</b>	Linda	Brian
<b>INTERCESSOR</b>	Felicity	Keith
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	No morning tea	No morning tea
<b>COVID WARDEN</b>	Felicity	Tony
<b>IT MANAGER</b>	Linda	Sarah
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Caroline	
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Marg & Felicity	

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