

28 FEBRUARY 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

*The
Season
of
Lent*



ST JOHN
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

The next Friday service will be held on Friday 5th of March at 10.00am.

The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 7th March.

Pre-registration is not required for the Friday service, but is for the Sunday service. Please register online at <https://stjohnsbulimba.org/what-we-do/online-worship/> or call Felicity Scott on 0431 599 662 by Saturday 6th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service.

We are moving to the use of QR codes which are currently required for hospitality venues. This should be an easier and more secure way of collecting attendance information. We commenced two weeks ago, but will run both registration systems for a few more weeks. Please come ready to register using the QR Code provided.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND ANDREW COOPER AS PARISH PRIEST

Regional Bishop John Roundhill has announced that the Reverend Andrew Cooper has been appointed to be the Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Bulimba. As Rev Andrew Cooper is currently the Rector of Jedburgh in Scotland, it may be some months before he can be commissioned, possibly in August. Please pray for him, and his current parish in the prayer on page 5 of this Pew Bulletin.

You will find his letter to the Parish on the back page of this Pew Bulletin, and can visit St Johns, Jedburgh, on Facebook for photos, videos and information on his ministry there.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.

Mark 8.34

HYMNS: TIS: 224, 223, 216, 231.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

1ST READING: GENESIS 17.1-7, 17.15-16

ALLAN THOMSON

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

PSALM 22.24-32

24. O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:

hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

**25. *For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.***

26. From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

27. *The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:*

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!

28. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:

and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

29. *For the kingdom is the Lord's:*

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

30. How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:

or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

31. *But he has saved my life for himself:*

and my posterity shall serve him.

32. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:

and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4.13-25

ALLAN THOMSON

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

GOSPEL: MARK 8.31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Reflection:

Lent 2– Sunday 28 February 2021

Genesis 17.1-7; 15-17; Psalm 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38

Abraham had faith in the covenant the Lord made with him. God's promise of innumerable descendants and great nations would be fulfilled. Abraham became the father of us all and Sarah our mother for she is also given God's promises – a son and nations and kings as descendants. Both Abraham and Sarah were given new names, no longer Abram and Sarai. The Lord is setting them apart and giving them new lives as parties to the covenant.

Righteous One, whose name lives forever, help us to live in faith alone, and walk with you all the days of our lives, regarding not the rule of humanity but the rule of God, that we may be called afresh and be inheritors of your covenant of love for us.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong

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THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

⇒ **IGLESIA ANGLICANA DE LA REGION CENTRAL DE AMERICA**

IN THE DIOCESE: -

⇒ **THE PARISH OF COOROORA: KEVIN LEWIS – LOCUM, DAVID PETTETT**

⇒ **ANGLICARE SQ COMMUNITY AGED & DISABILITY, NORTH COAST (NAMBOUR)**

**LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME BEING ROLLED OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY;
FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PRIORITY FOR VACCINATION DUE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT, OR AGE,
OR ILLNESS; AND FOR THOSE DELIVERING THE VACCINES.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Roselee, Steph and Chris, Kerry,
Gloria, Joseph, Bernie, Don, Andrea, Graham, Pat, Peter, Tod, Max.**

***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.*

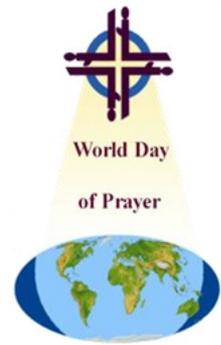
IN MEMORY, FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 6

JANICE HELEN HUGHES (1965)

Notices

World Day of Prayer

***The World Day of Prayer service will be held on
Friday 5th March 2021 at 10.00am
at the Bulimba Uniting Church.***



This is a combined service for all denominations. It is a wonderful morning of Prayer followed by fellowship and a cuppa.

At this time we are particularly praying for and collecting for, the church and people of Vanuatu after the recent cyclone

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our first Fellowship Dinner for 2021 will be held on 20th March.

A list is at the back of the church for you to nominate whether you wish to participate and provide a venue, an entrée, a main course or a dessert.

As we are in Lent the theme is vegetarian. You will need to add your name by 14th March to be allocated to a venue.

This is our social focus for 2021 until COVID restrictions on catering are eased.

CAKE STALLS ARE BACK—FIRST SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Cake Stalls, an essential fundraiser for our parish, are back. Today sees the first one and we hope you have been able to cook for it, or buy some of our wonderful cakes, jams and biscuits.

The next one will be on Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday so put it in your calendar.

Thank you to all who bake and preserve regularly, and who come to assist on the stall.

Parish Annual General Meeting

At the AGM last Sunday 21st February 2021 the following people were elected as your representatives to serve on Parish Council for the coming 12 months.

Wardens: Allan Thomson (Rector's Warden) Dianne Coffey, Jacqueline Chapman.

Councillors: Sue Garrett, Felicity Scott, Howard Greaver, Lisa Hooper, Tony Rigby.

Parish Nominators: Allan Thomson, Dianne Coffey, Sarah Davies.

Synod Representative: Howard Greaver

Children Safety Officers: Lisa Hooper, Tony Rigby.

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 the Mater Hospital and the beanies to the Missions to Seamen. They welcome new members and also donation of suitable wool. They will begin meeting again (usually in the Maheno Room) on the third Wednesday of each month at 9.00am. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 17th March.

GUILD AND HOY

The St Johns Guild is our women's fellowship group and will re-commence from Tuesday 13th April at 9.00 am with a meeting (very brief) and morning tea followed by Hoy at 10.00am. This very sociable group would love to have new members join them for fellowship and morning tea, and meets in the Maheno Room.

GROCERIES FOR GOODNA

After the success of our Advent Groceries campaign to assist Goodna Parish we will be running a Lent grocery appeal for non-perishable groceries and toiletries for the Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministries. This wonderful group distributes food, toiletries and other goods to hundreds of needy families in the goodna area. If you prefer to give money please mark it as a donation for Goodna. They will use money given to buy meat and other perishables.

Please leave your bag of donations in church and we will make sure that they are delivered.

DONATE A DUNNY

The Lakes Parish on the northside is a very new parish, in a very new area, run by the Rev Daniel Berris, who is well-known to many of you. They have commenced holding a Community Market to both support the Parish, and to build a community in a new part of Brisbane. Local small businesses can sell their goods and make contact with locals.

In order to hold a market they must supply toilets, and are currently hiring portable toilets. They have appealed for assistance to purchase portable toilets and we are collecting in the "dunny bucket" in church, hoping to raise \$2100 to purchase one toilet. Please donate to this worthwhile cause in church or to the Parish Office.

HELLO FROM REVEREND ANDREW COOPER, THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST FOR BULIMBA

Hello to all from Scotland!

I am very excited to be introducing myself to the folk in Bulimba and very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know you personally. While I am currently sitting in a warm office and looking out at a grey wet day (*driech* as they say here) in Jedburgh in the beautiful Scottish Borders, I am fairly familiar with Bulimba as one of my favoured café and cinema destinations and worked with Fr John in his various capacities so have a glimpse of life at St John's.

I've been in Scotland for nearly four years and have loved the rolling green farmlands, ancient villages and towns and the proximity to Edinburgh and the Highlands. It's a lot like my birthplace in Tasmania so the transition to Scottish weather wasn't too much of a struggle. Jedburgh is an ancient market town with the ruins of a 14th century Augustinian Abbey just out my bedroom window. My church here at St John's... Evangelist rather than Baptist... is a wonderful Oxford Movement jewel box of a building with all the old stone, stained glass and carved wood they do so well here. It just lights up when the sun hits the windows with deep flashes of colour and the sense of many years of prayer, praise, joy and struggle have soaked into the walls. We are a small congregation here but loving and faithful and deeply caring. I've been blessed to be here and will miss them very much.

However, I am a native of the diocese of Brisbane and coming to Bulimba is coming home. I was in Queensland for 17 years before crossing the seas, teaching at St Hilda's School Southport and St Aidan's Corinda before ordination then two years at St Clements Stafford and 6 years as Rector of Gympie and Region.

My churchish passions are in Adult Faith Formation particularly in spirituality and I've been blessed to do some great things in retreats, quiet days, pilgrimage, education for outreach and mission and in supporting the work of others in ministry. I've probably still got glitter in my beard from Messy Church and I can shake a maraca with the best of them at Mainly Music. I think we have an amazing resource of faith in the Anglican Church and very keen to share the treasure of our Via Media and interaction of scripture, tradition and reason in new ways to new audiences. I'm not a musician myself but certainly have some opinions about things old AND new and have been blessed to work with some wonderful music teams of all shapes, sizes and proclivities.

I was well trained as a theological student at St John's Cathedral so know when to behave liturgically when I have to but also one for warmth, welcome and generous hospitality when needed too. There's plenty of video evidence on the St John's Jedburgh YouTube channel and feel free to ask the folk in Gympie who will attest I hope to being comforted by familiar things in worship while being stretched gently to embrace some other stuff.

Coming home connects me back to my brother and his family on the northside and other family further afield in NSW and Tasmania and back to exploring our wonderful Queensland environment and the cultural life of the city. I enjoy reading social history and biography and watching far too many home renovation programs despite not having a place of my own to practice on. I'm looking forward to getting wet in a pool, having coffee in the sun, wearing more shorts and patting lots of dogs. I will be deeply distracted if you have a furry friend but will try to listen despite wagging tails and games with sticks.

It will be some time before CoVid travel restrictions allow me back in the country but know that I am holding you all in prayer as I know you will for me.

Blessings to you all... Andrew