



Sponsorship Request

Over the next few weeks, we are pleased to be able to host auditions and rehearsals for the **“Black, Bold and Beautiful”** event organised by our Diocesan RAP Officer (*and former Miss Brisbane*) Auntie Sandra King on International Women’s Day.

We are looking for sponsors to offset the cost of hire of the Maheno Room for 3 and a half Saturdays. Usually hire would cost \$50 per hour or \$400 for the whole day. Sponsorship would allow us to offer this space at no cost for this very important event.

Contact Rev Andrew if you can help even in a small way or if you would like to find out more about this inspiring initiative.

5th February 2023

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus

7.30 AM PARISH EUCHARIST

9.00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA

A sonnet for Candlemas

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.
Amidst the outer court’s commercial bustle
They’d waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.
They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour’s face is bright.

Malcolm Guite 2012

Morning Tea Roster.

We need more volunteers to do Morning Tea after the 9.00am service, on the Second and Third Sundays of each month. We can show you what to do. It will involve bringing milk and cake or biscuits, and setting up and putting away. Please contact the Parish Office if you can fulfil this hospitality ministry.

Annual General Meeting

The Guild

9am Tuesday 7th February in the Coxen Room



Community Event: Hoy begins 14th February

Invite a friend and join us for a fun and friendly games morning at **10am every second Tuesday** of the month beginning Tuesday 14th February. Cards, Prizes and a yummy morning tea. **We meet in the church in Feb.**



To arrange direct debit for your regular giving,
please use the account details:
BSB 704 901 Account number 00014573.
Account name Bulimba Anglican Parish

THIS COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH			
TUESDAY	7th	7.30om	Parish Council
FRIDAY	10th	10.00am	Eucharist
SUNDAY	12th	7.30am 9.00am	Eucharist Eucharist

ROSTERED DUTIES 12/2	7.30AM	9.00AM
L.A.'s	Vanessa & Robert	Roland & Sarah
MUSIC	Howard	Howard
READERS	TBA	TBA
INTERCESSOR	TBA	TBA
MORNING TEA		
WELCOMERS		
AUDIO VISUAL		
FLOWERS Kerry	CHURCH CLEANING Barbara	

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READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. Luke 2.30–32

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY: Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1-4 Ros Thomson and Sarah Davies

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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.**

Parish Prayers

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18 Linda Mitchell and Donovan Sparks

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, *'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'*), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, *'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, *'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'* And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, *'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'*

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

In The World: -

- ◇ The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- ◇ The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

In The Diocese:

- ◇ The Parish of Ipswich: Clergy and Parishioners
- ◇ Woodford Correctional Centre: Chaplain Paul Bryden
- ◇ Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: staff, students and families

Locally: We pray for...

- ◇ The ministry of the **St John's Guild**. We give thanks for decades of faithful service and hold before God the AGM and start of Hoy for 2023.
- ◇ The **Bulimba Community Center** and the space they provide to build stronger community especially the *Seniors Club, Community Garden, Dementia Choir Sing Sing Sing* and the *JP's In The Community* programs.
- ◇ **Grandparents and family members acting as primary carers** for children and people living with disabilities or long term illnesses. May they find the support they need to support those they love.

Pray for those in need:

Bronwyn, Duncan Family, Kerrie, Joseph, Douglas, Nancy, Kerry, Helena, Daniel, Roy, Michael, Ruth, Williamson Family, Rev Helen Phillips, Vince, Helen, Rev Paul Bland.

*We pray for Rev. Karen as she mourns the loss of her mother, Elaine.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Candlemas Prayer for the Light of the World

Dear God, As we remember how Jesus was presented as a baby in the Temple,

We remember Simeon's declaration that he is the Light of the World.

We have experienced so much darkness within ourselves and within our world.

We hunger for your light to dispel the darkness and guide us to life.

Increase the small flames you have created in our lives

That we might bring your light into the darkness. Amen.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 26th February following the 9am service in the Maheno Room. Nomination Forms and Agenda at the rear of the church

In Memory

February 5th—February 11th

Elaine Milligan and Cristy Key



Lent Study 2023 Anglican Identity

Thursdays in Lent at 10.00-11.30am or 7.00-8.30 pm

Anglican Identity is a course that explores the story and practice of the modern Anglican Church in the Diocese of Southern Queensland.

Featuring 60 practising Anglicans from a range of parishes and agencies, the videos are stimulating and engaging.

This course is a great way to journey through the history, life and contemporary mission of a Church that celebrates

its past, present and strides into the future with hope!

23rd February Week One: Introduction- Words and Furniture

Christian faith starts with Jesus, and Anglicans find God in many things. A three legged stool helps explain this! **A must do session for every parishioner and seeker!**

2 March Week Two: The Way We Were

The Anglican Church has roots that stretch way back, check out this session to find out just how far. It is so much richer than a King who wanted an heir for his kingdom!

9th March Week Three: Aspects of the Ethos

This session explores the rich elements of the Anglican Church. More than pews and windows, this path of Christian expression is diverse and thoughtful.

16th March Week Four: Making It Work

It's quite a task keeping a Church working, and keeping all the people in it growing and focused on God and mission. We explore how the Anglican Church is organised.

23rd March Week Five: What We Do

A very important part of the Anglican Church's work is mission. This is the work for others that Jesus talked about. This session is full of wonderful local stories of mission activities that really make a difference.

30th March Week Six: Paths to the Future

There are many stories in the Anglican Church. This session will help to shape your own response to the Anglican people and places you interact with.

"I encourage every parish to work through these videos, they are a fantastic resource for sparking discussion and learning about where we come from and who we are as Comprehensive Anglicans." **Bishop Jeremy Greaves**

"Why the Anglican Church? There are so many ways to answer that question and this course is a brilliant place to unpack the whos, whats and wheres that will hopefully lead to WHY?" I'm so excited to find out more!" **The Rev'd. Danni Clark**

You can do the whole course or the sessions that interest you.

Sign up sheet at the back of the church
or by email andrew.cooper@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

**We need at least 5 definite participants for each session to go ahead
but you can complete missed sessions online.**



Ash Wednesday Services

February 22nd 2023

10am and 7pm

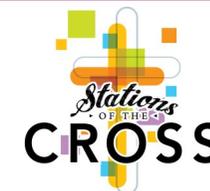
Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Stations of the Cross

10am every Wednesday in Lent

Commences Wednesday 1st March

A beautiful reflection on the Way of the Cross
using a range of images and prayers.



Intensive Journal® Life Context Workshop

17-18 February 2023 | 9:30am - 5pm both days

Presented by Kate Scholl from Eremos: an Australian Network for Spiritual Exploration

- Gain greater self-awareness and self-confidence
- Work out career directions and major decisions
- Live more authentically, connected to your deepest values and aspirations
- Develop skills and practices to reflect on all aspects of your life

COST: \$180 or \$160 for Eremos and St John's members

\$20 Early Bird Discount if you sign up by 29 January \$20

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WELCOME DEACON QUINN HUMPHRIES
We are so glad to have Quinn and Melanie among us... may your time with us be a blessing to you and to us!!