

7 FEBRUARY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10.00 AM—FRIDAY EUCHARIST

8.30AM— SUNDAY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES

**The next Friday service will be held on Friday 12th of February at 10.00am.
The next Sunday service will be a combined service at 8.30am on Sunday 14th February.**

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 13th at 10.00 to make your booking for the Sunday service.

We are about to move 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 will commence on Sunday, but run both registration systems for 2 weeks. Please come ready to register using the QR Code provided.

Prayer for our New Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40.31

HYMNS: TIS. 147, 105, 155, 315

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Saving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick and brought them wholeness of body and mind: inspire us, his disciples, so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel by our words and by the dedication and integrity of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING: ISAIAH 40.21-31

SARAH DAVIES

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM 147.1-11

1. O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God:
and to praise him is joyful and right.

2. *The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:*

he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.

3. He heals the broken in spirit:
and binds up their wounds.

4. *He counts the number of the stars:*
and calls them all by name.

PSALM (CONTINUED)

5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power:
there is no measuring his understanding.

**6. *The Lord restores the humble:
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.***

7. O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving:
sing praises to our God upon the harp.

**8. *He covers the heavens with cloud, and prepares rain for the earth:
and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.***

9. He gives the cattle their food:
and feeds the young ravens that call to him.

**10. *He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse:
nor does he delight in anyone's legs,***

11. But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him:
who wait in hope for his mercy.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9.16-23

SARAH DAVIES

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL: MARK 1.29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reflection:

Paul is a chameleon. He is a Jew but is now a follower of Christ. Nonetheless, he is all things for all people. He is like a Jew, one under the law, one outside the law, and the weak. In fact, Paul will turn himself into anything to save souls. And the best part is that salvation is free. The grace of God in Jesus Christ is there in all Jesus' healings and castings out of demons and it costs nothing. In one sense. But in another the cost to us is the call to leave all of this world behind and follow Jesus.

Jesus our friend, we ask that you give us courage to leave our selves behind and follow you, trusting in you and relying on your faithfulness to us that we may be confident to proclaim the good news we have in you.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem & the Middle East.

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THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

IN THE WORLD: -

- ⇒ The Anglican Church of Burundi
- ⇒ The Diocese of Brisbane: †Phillip Aspinall; Assistant Bishops – †Cameron Venables, †Jeremy Greaves, †John Roundhill; Clergy and People

IN THE DIOCESE: -

- ⇒ The Parish of Beenleigh: Peter Palmer, Frank Phillips
- ⇒ Clergy with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese
- ⇒ Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera: Principal – Geoff Newton; Chaplain – David Adams; Chair of School Council – Robert Seljak; members of School Council; staff & students

LOCALLY: WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA FACING DAMAGING BUSHFIRES AND THE THREAT OF COVID. WE PRAY FOR THOSE RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS AND IN QUARANTINE.

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

IN MEMORY, FEBRUARY 6—FEBRUARY 12

MAM'SELLE MICHELE LANDERS (1945)

PARISH AGM—REPORTS TO BE PREPARED

Parish Council advises that the Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21st February 2021, after the Sunday Eucharist service (time to be confirmed). Please would all parish groups and office holders prepare a report on their 2020 activities and send it in to the Parish Office no later than **next Wednesday 10th February**, for inclusion in the reports to the AGM?