

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer is prayed in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 3 February

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Committee meets in Dempster Room
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 4 February

- 9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup resumes.
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 5 February

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice
8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 7 February

- 8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room
9.00am Anglican Overseas Aid Strategy Day in Rutherford Room Annex.
10.00am Lay Assistants Training in Church
10.30am Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room.

OPEN FORUM: This is an open discussion, led by the Vicar, to which all are invited and welcomed. **11.30am next Sunday 8 February** in the Rutherford Room.

NEXT SUNDAY - 8 February 2015

Second Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 40.21-31; Psalm 147. 1-11;
1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1. 29-39.

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: TBA
Intercessor: TBA
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. TBA

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: TBA
Intercessor: TBA
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)
Jenny Cook, Sue Banting,
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. TBA
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Alicia Palfreeman
and Janice Wong

11.30am Open Forum

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST

David Moore/Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Candlemass—1 February 2015

My Dear Friends,

The February edition of TMA (The Melbourne Anglican) includes an article entitled: 'New protocols for Communion hygiene'. The article refers to "a Protocol for use of the Common Cup at Holy Communion in the Diocese of Melbourne". Copies of the full text of the Protocol issued by the Archbishop are available in the parish office. Of particular relevance is the instruction regarding intinction, the practice of dipping a piece of bread into the wine in the chalice:

"The recent practice of intinction was historically for those ill and was administered by the priest, unlike the present where it is practised because it is seen as less risky. This is not a unanimous viewpoint supported by the available research. In fact the practice of the recipient of the host receiving the bread and then dipping into the wine may be more risky... [however] the report concludes that sharing the common cup, and a handshake at the peace, along with attending a buffet dinner, or hugging, all present a minimal risk and therefore fall within the parameters of normal risks of daily living."

The Archbishop's panel of experts indicate that intinction is in fact likely to be more risky than drinking from the common cup, recognising that infection risk is elevated when communicants' fingers are inserted into the cup. Indeed, it's disturbingly common to observe fingers actually plunging into the wine! Moreover, the Protocol's recommendation 8 explicitly directs that "intinction should be the responsibility of the priest". This means that those who wish to receive communion without drinking from the common cup should not touch either the bread or the cup, but receive an intincted piece of bread on their tongue, from the hand of the priest. As the Protocol recognises, there are good reasons why this is the historic practice for those who are ill.

As a principle of legitimate pastoral concern, historic practice has always recognised those relatively rare instances when a person ought not to drink from the common cup, according to the principle that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. This means that when a person is ill, or has a vulnerable immune system, receiving the Bread alone constitutes a complete Communion.

So on hygiene grounds alone the practice of intinction is misguided in terms of its apparent rationale. I think it's a typical case of a well-meaning but ill-conceived solution to a perceived problem, which in fact compounds the problem. Worse however, such solutions frequently undermine crucial theological principles. In the case of Communion, the essential theological teaching is contained in the word 'common' – we are the one, common people, united by eating from the one bread, drinking from the one cup. Sharing in this one common cup we participate with Christ in his sufferings and in his transformation. Christ is still asking would-be followers: "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction. And you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Rutherford Room following the 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Geoff Vincent

9.30am—9.50am Ministry of Healing

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch
Sue Banting
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Alison Asquith
Neicia Shaw
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service—

Keith Dempster

PRAYER JOURNAL: The latest Prayer Journal, from today until Holy Week, is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

TMA The Melbourne Anglican February Edition is available in the Narthex.

Readings for the Day

*Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 24 or 84;
Hebrews 2. 14-18; Luke 2.22.40*

Candlemas: Today is a 'hinge point' in the Christian year. We take one last look back to the baby of wooden Crib, before turning our faces towards the man of wooden cross. The light who is coming into the world is the man of wooden cross. In the Eastern church today is known as "The Encounter", the cosmic and definitive encounter symbolised by the meeting with Simeon and Anna in the Temple. The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is also known as Candlemas because in the 5th century it became associated with the lighting of candles and torchlight processions. The 12th century Cistercian, Guerric of Igny, expresses the meaning of today's candlelit procession to the Font: "Do not so much carry lamps as become lamps yourselves, shining within and without, for yourselves and your neighbours."

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2015

Ash Wednesday—18 February

11.30am; 8.00pm (NB: revised time)

Palm Sunday—29 March

Holy Thursday—2 April—8.00pm

Good Friday—3 April—9.30am

Easter Vigil—5 April— 6.00am

PASCHAL MYSTERY

A Resource for Lent-Easter

Lent-Easter Booklet: The seasonal resources booklet is available today, containing dates of liturgies, information about the seasons, and suggestions for spiritual growth. With Lent close at hand, now is the time to prepare for Lent by diary planning and preparing a 'Lenten rule.

Lay Assistants at Communion: All are welcome to participate in the in-service session at church 10am Saturday 7 February.

KIDZ@CHURCH resumes today and **LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP** commences on WEDNESDAY 4 February at 9.30am.

THE AMNESTY GROUP will meet at 4 pm on Wednesday 11th February in the Dempster Room.

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE will meet on **Saturday February 14th at 10am.** We welcome anyone interested in helping with the planning and organising of our fundraising events. We also welcome new ideas and suggestions.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES:2015

Session 1—Tuesday 24 February

7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories

Session 2—Tuesday 3 March

7.30pm at Camberwell UCA

Session 3—Tuesday 10 March

7.30pm here at St John's

Session 4—Tuesday 17 March

7.30pm—Venue to be advised

2015 PARISH RETREAT:

Conductor: The Revd John Stewart

Booked at Pallotti College for the weekend of Friday 27 February to Sunday 1 March.

All are welcome and warmly encouraged.

Brochures are available.

FOOD PARCELS at the door. Requests for help are coming for supplies from our local food shelf and we wonder if parishioners might help us in this assistance to those in need. Noodles in cups (requiring only boiling water), also 2 minute noodles, tinned fish, meat or fruits, dry biscuits, rice, and small packs of breakfast cereal. Please bring to church on Sundays or to the office during the week. *Thank you.*

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Maurice Green, Christopher Wells, John Jackson, Annie Slattery, Ella Pearse, Marion Hale, Dot Oxley, and Ilse Morgan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ASSOCIATE PRIESTS: The parish is blessed with three Associate Priests. Helen Creed, Chaplain at Camberwell Girls' Grammar, will continue to preside and preach about four times on Sunday this year. Michelle Trebilcock, soon to complete a PhD in theology, will continue to be on the roster during term 1 to preside at midweek Eucharists. Next Sunday 8 February we will welcome back long-term Associate Priest Brian Porter, recently retired from parish locum ministry.

FUTURE DATES

OPEN FORUM No. 1—8 February 11.30am.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE— Saturday February 14 at 10am.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY 14 February— 1pm to 5.00pm.

PARISH RETREAT: 27 February to 1 March (See notice elsewhere on this page.)

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 19 April, 12 noon followed by lunch. (NB The only Liturgy on this day.)

ASCENSION DAY 14 May—6.30pm