

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 3 March

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Team meeting in Dempster Room
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
1.00pm Staff lunch in the Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting
7.30pm Ecumenical Lent Study at Uniting Church Camberwell

WEDNESDAY 4 March

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

THURSDAY 5 March

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice

FRIDAY 6 March

- 10.00am** World Day of Prayer at St Dunstan's Wattle Valley Road, Camberwell

SATURDAY 7 March

- 8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican, March Edition, is available today at the back of the Church. It has coverage of the funeral service for Bishop Barbara Darling including a tribute by Muriel Porter, along with many other articles of interest. Please take a copy.

NEXT SUNDAY - 8 March 2015

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20. 1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1. 18-25; John 2. 13-22

8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Reader: Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Geoff Vincent
Neil Nyholm
Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

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 Second Sunday in Lent—1 March 2015

Our gospel reading today is preceded by Peter's stunning declaration on the way to the villages of Caesarea Phillipi: "You are the Messiah." As Dorothy Lee pointed out last year, however, in her lecture on Mark's gospel here at St John's, Peter and the disciples take some time to understand how Jesus will fulfil that title. In today's reading, which follows immediately on from Peter's declaration, Jesus is moved to publically rebuke Peter, after Peter tries to censor Jesus' words about the road ahead, a road involving "great suffering", "rejection" and "death", before "rising again". This prompts Jesus to offer some teaching, a series of sayings, on the true nature of his anointing: he is destined for glory, but the way is the way of struggle and vulnerability. The implications for any wanting to follow Jesus are clearly spelt out: we must "deny" ourselves and "take up our crosses". Two confronting phrases, and how are we to interpret them? How do these words relate to the words Jesus utters in John's gospel, for example, when he says he has come to give his sheep "abundant life"? I don't think Jesus is suggesting that we deprive ourselves of all the things of God's creation that we love, as if that is some kind of virtue in itself. Nor do I think taking up my cross means accepting damaging situations that I can do something about. This is not the way of abundant life. From my perspective "denying yourself" is about seeking freedom from the compulsions that hold us in their grip, whatever they may be for each individual; about seeking release from the habits and ways of thinking that direct us away from life and well-being. And "taking up your cross" is to do with accepting our lives as they are, with all their particular pains and perplexities, trusting that God does not leave us alone with these dilemmas. We bear them in the hopeful expectation, formed in the light of the experience of Christ, that these pains and perplexities might be the pathway to transformation: deeper and more loving life. This is how I have come to understand these key phrases within the Christian tradition. What about you?

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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.

Readings for the Day

Genesis 17. 1-7; Psalm 22. 24-32l
Romans 4. 13-25; Mark 8. 31-38

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Reader: Rachael Lim
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)
Jenny Cook, Sue Banting,
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
KIDZ@CHURCH: Andrew Porter, Georgina Porter

12 noon The Angelus
3.00pm Indonesian Congregation
Kuncoro Rusman
6.00pm Contemplative Service
Keith Dempster

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK:

Now is the time to plan for Holy Week. See the seasonal resource booklet—Paschal Mystery—for information. Copies available at the back of the church,

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2015

Palm Sunday—29 March
Holy Thursday—2 April—8.00pm
Good Friday—3 April—9.30am
Easter Vigil—5 April—6.00am

HOLY THURSDAY & WATCH OF PRAYER:

After the stripping of the Altar and Reservation of the Sacrament on Holy Thursday we keep watch with Christ until midnight, in the chapel. "Can you keep watch with me?" Christ still asks us.

GOOD FRIDAY: Please note that the Liturgy of the Cross is at 9.30am this year. The Ecumenical walk immediately follows it. There is no afternoon liturgy on Good Friday.

EASTER VIGIL: This is the Queen of Christian feasts, the liturgy of liturgies. All Christian worship is derived from this great liturgical action. There is nothing else like it. It requires effort - and transforms those who make it. The parish community that commits itself to this and the whole celebration of the Easter Triduum is a transformed community

If you have never experienced this great celebration in its entirety, which begins in the dark of Thursday evening and literally ushers in the light of Easter morning, I encourage you to consider doing so this year. Fr David

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: On Friday 6 March at 10.00am, there will be a Service at St Dunstan's, 163 Wattle Valley Road, Camberwell. Everyone is invited to attend this service which is part of a worldwide day of prayer. This year it features a service from The Bahamas. Morning tea will follow.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES: Session 2—Tuesday 3 March—7.30pm at Camberwell UCA. **Session 3—Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm** here at St John's.

CONVERSATION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP: "Economics for a sustainable future." **7.30AM Wednesday March 11** at Deakin Edge, Federation Square. Local MP's Adam Bandt and Kelly O'Dwyer join Abp. Philip Freier. Details on noticeboard or at <http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/Conversations>

LENT QUIET MORNING: 9am-12.30pm Saturday 14 March at St John's. Led by Fr David. All invited. All welcome.

Institute of Spiritual Studies (ISS): Fr David will be giving a presentation at the St Peter's Eastern Hill ISS, 7.30pm Thursday 19 March - 'Evolution and Christ in the Mystical Theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin'. For information about the ISS programme see: <http://web.stpeters.org.au/iss/>

MAKING PALM CROSSES—A Parish Activity. Saturday 28 March - 10am in the Rutherford Room.

FAITH – AN EXPLORATION: At the back of the church you will find copies of a new booklet, *Faith – an Exploration*. The booklet, written by Fr David, explores 22 key issues and doctrines of our faith in a succinct, accessible and engaging manner. It has been produced at this committee's urging, as we believe it to be an invaluable resource not only for parishioners but also for enquirers. You might like to take copies for family and friends who have faith questions. You might also like to use it for your own reflection this Lent. *St John's Adult Education and Formation Committee*

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Laviah Annie Millott, Katrina Herschell, Lalith de Soysa, Keith Goodes, Elise Kemp, and Alan William Edward Brown, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Friends of St John's Community Support Group: As we begin another year of outreach ministry in our community the ongoing need for support in various ways is always welcome in the aged care homes listed below and at Camcare.

Visiting individual residents who are lonely and feeling isolated or helping to run a small group activity such as gardening, craft, cooking or reading the newspaper is welcome in the following aged care homes we currently visit :-

- Mary McKillop – King St, Hawthorn E
- Camberwell Gardens–Cornell St, Camberwell
- Shenley Manor – Bowen St, Camberwell

In addition to these regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly activities there are "one off" events. For example helping to take residents to social outings eg., concerts, visits to the art gallery, museum etc.

In partnership with Camcare we collect bread from a Mont Albert bakery weekly and help organise a Thursday monthly BBQ for the socially isolated in our community.

If anyone would like to support any aspect of this important ministry please contact Liz Pratt (Convenor)

FUTURE DATES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 6 March—10am at St Dunstons, Camberwell.

LENT STUDY: Session 3 at 10 March at St John's—7.30pm

LENT QUIET MORNING: Saturday 14 March—9am-12.30pm.

MAKING PALM CROSSES—Saturday 28 March 10am in Rutherford Room.

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

ASCENSION DAY 14 May—6.30pm