

FUTURE DATES

Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets on Monday 10 December at 3.30pm. NB Altered time.

THE FIRST MEETING of the new **PARISH COUNCIL** is on Wednesday 12 December at 7.30pm in the Dempster Room.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and on display in the Rutherford Room after church on Sundays and in the office through the week. Please place your orders on the list provided. Help support a good cause by your purchase. *Ann Darlington*

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS are available for sale on Sundays or at the office during office hours—Cost \$12 each. Supporting Anglican Overseas Aid.

KEEP UP TO DATE with information by using the St John's Camberwell website. Contact is uploaded promptly. www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning (9am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Mondays to Fridays unless mentioned below.*

MONDAY 3 December

The Friends of St John's Community Support Group end of year BYO lunch time meeting is on Monday 3 December at 12 noon.

TUESDAY 4 December

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 5 December

6.30pm Eucharist and Curry

THURSDAY 6 December

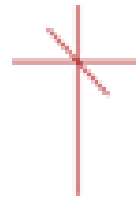
11.00am Funeral in the Church

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross's home

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

November is an even busier month at Mission House. Christmas bags for families and children are already being prepared. If you wish to donate please do so now. A leaflet with details is available in the narthex. Our Partnership Group has purchased books for boys (at the request of Mission House). They cost \$8 each and you may like to cover the cost as your donation. Please see Dawn Harvey for details.



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
2 December 2018—Advent I

As you know Colleen Clayton will be ordained Deacon on 9 February next year and will join us as Curate the following day. After a fairly taxing few years preparation for ministry, Colleen and her husband Stephen are taking some time to travel in Europe. Yesterday they set out from Ourense in north-western Spain to walk the last 100kms of the Camino de Santiago de Compostella. When I say *the Camino* I mean one of the caminos, for there are many roads to Santiago de Compostella. Ourense is on the route that leads north from Seville, also called the *Via de La Plata* - the way of silver.

The Camino to Santiago de Compostella is one of the most travelled pilgrimages in the world. Its traditional finish point, the Cathedral of Saint James the Great (Santiago) is located where the St James' remains are buried. It has been a pilgrimage site since at least 812CE. These days over a quarter of a million people complete the Camino annually. The most popular route, beginning in France—the *Camino Frances*, is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Pilgrimage can be many things and done many ways but the traditional approach is to walk, usually about 25kms a day, with as little provisions and luggage as you can manage without. Colleen is going this way, a 7kg pack and one change of clothes. She expects to be on the track for a week or so. In Spain there is simple pilgrim accommodation provided in most towns and villages along the way, usually in shared dormitories, for about \$15 a night. The local restaurants often provide a pilgrim's meal for about the same amount. The Spaniards are very serious about their provision for pilgrims.

The purpose of the camino is traditionally to walk off your sin, and some cases other people's as well, for a price! The days have a simple pattern—get up, pack, find breakfast, walk, rest, walk, lose your way, find your way, arrive, find accommodation, wash yourself and your clothes, rest, eat sleep, do it again.

A day walking 25kms might take 7-8hrs depending on your speed, how long your rests are (and how seriously lost you become). So there is plenty of time for prayer and contemplation, and the rhythm of your footsteps is a meditation in itself. Can I suggest we all pray for Colleen and Stephen for this week? We are burning a pilgrim's candle for them. We might also keep praying for Colleen as she prepares for her ordination and for the commencement of her ministry with us.

Richard Wilson

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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 after the 10am liturgy.

SERVICES TODAY

8am EUCHARIST
Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst.: Neil Nyholm

10am SUNG EUCHARIST
Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Sue Keogh, Louise Keogh
Intercessor: Lyle Gurrin
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Janice Wong, Ferry Hasiholan, Carole Nicholls

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

Interment of the Ashes of Jean Smith in the Memorial Garden follows the Sung Eucharist

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-38*

JOURNAL: The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for December and January is available today. Please take a copy.

St John's 'Parish Covenant' is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

THE ASHES OF JEAN SMITH will be interred in the Memorial Garden today, 2 December, following the 10am Sung Eucharist.

TOMORROW—FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S Community Support Group Lunch Meeting: is on Monday 3 December. The meeting will commence with a short service in the chapel at 12 noon with BYO lunch and meeting to follow in the Rutherford Room Annex. An invitation is extended to all in our parish who may be interested in learning about our activities and ministry in the community. If you are able to join us, please email Liz (liz@pratt.id.au)

A RELAXING SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 16 December at 12.00noon

Fr John and Carolyn invite everyone in the parish for a relaxing Sunday lunch on 16 December at the Vicarage, 15 The Grove, Camberwell. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, wine and desserts. Main course provided. \$15 adults and teens over 16, \$5 for children 15 and under. Special kids menu. Call the Parish Office on 9882 4851 to book. Bring a friend! No, bring two or three! All are very welcome!

A BIG 'THANK YOU' FOR YOUR SUPPORT: A very big "Well done!" to the good people of St John's who helped raise \$3,875 for the Anglican Overseas Aid Sulawesi Appeal. Your generous donations will help bring immediate relief, providing health services, food and clean water, and items like blankets and tarpaulins to suffering people. It will mean a great deal to the lives of many vulnerable people. A remarkable effort. Thank you!

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - *An Advent Reflection*—These booklets are available on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE YEAR OF LUKE: Today, Advent Sunday, the new Church Year begins; it is the Year of Luke, when Luke's Gospel will provide the Gospel readings on most Sundays. Copies of a booklet introducing Luke's Gospel, written by Muriel Porter, commended by Professor Dorothy Lee, and splendidly formatted by Carolyn Simm, are available today. Please take a copy.

ORDINATION GIFT: Inside Contact today are envelopes for parishioner contributions to an ordination gift for our former Churchwarden, Dr Wendy Crouch. Please place your contribution in the offertory bowl by Sunday 16 December at the latest.

The gift will be presented to Wendy on Sunday 3 February, when she will be the preacher here at St John's. After her ordination the following Saturday, 9 February, she will become the assistant curate at St Bartholomew's, Burnley, where she has served this past year as the theological student.

ANNUAL MEETING: At the parish's Annual Meeting last Sunday, the following elections were declared: Glenis Heath and Cynthia Nyholm, Churchwardens; Alison Asquith, Adrienne Bolch, Brian Crouch, Lee Ewe, Hans Ferdinands and Ross Smith, Parish Council members; Don Heath and Ross Smith, parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee. Warmest congratulations to all these people. They will be commissioned during the Sung Eucharist next Sunday.

Copies of Father John's addendum to his printed report are available in the narthex.

TODAY, SUNDAY, Melbourne Opera is rehearsing in the church 1.30-4.30pm.

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican will be available next Sunday, 9 December.

NEXT SUNDAY 9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

*Malachi 3:1-4; Song of Zechariah;
Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-6*

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

*with Commissioning of Churchwardens,
Parish Councillors and Incumbency
Committee Members*

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: John Manton, Noela Manton
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Sue Banting, Jenny Cook, Alison Asquith

Euch. Assts.: Sub Deacon, John Manton
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Enid Beeton, Ian Winter Ashton, Marion Weisser (Deacon), Mavis Fowler, Arthur Webber, William Rait, Nanette Good (Priest), Nancy Mitchell, and Edward Gibson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.