

## FUTURE DATES

**Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group** meets 3.30pm on Monday 11 February in Dempster Room

**Illawarra Study Group**—Tuesday 12 February at 8pm in the Rutherford Room Annex. (Note Venue).

**Parish Council Meeting**—Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm in Dempster Room, preceded by Eucharist in the Chapel at 7.00pm

**A Relaxing Sunday Lunch**—17 February at 12 noon at the Vicarage. (See note on page 2)

**Anglicare Partnership Group**—meets on Monday February 25 in Rutherford Room (See notice on page 2)

**World Day of Prayer**—Ecumenical Service on Friday March 1 at Our Lady of Victories at 11am.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### TUESDAY 5 February

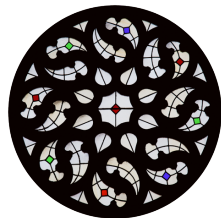
**9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Group meets in Dempster Room  
**12 noon** Eucharist in the Chapel

### WEDNESDAY 6 February

**6.30pm** Eucharist and Curry

### THURSDAY 7 February

**7.30pm** Choir practice  
**8.00pm** Thursday Night Study Group at Ross's home



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**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**February 3 2019—CandleMass**

## Now is the Time

As I come to leave St John's, and move towards ordination next week, I have been reflecting on this parish community and the gift it has been to me over more than twenty years. This parish has offered to me, and to many others, the precious gift of a quiet space, a prayerful space, a patient waiting on God over many years. The prayers of many, faithfully offered, even when God appeared to be silent or even absent, have soaked into this place, creating for those who enter a sense of God's welcoming love for all, of God's mystery and wonder. The sweetness of God's gracious presence is palpable in this space. This is a place in which the Holy Spirit has been able to work. This is a place in which I rediscovered my call to ordination.

Your gift in this way, through faithful prayer and waiting, is just like the gift that Anna and Simeon gave to humanity through their prayerful patient waiting in the temple over many years. They were open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, always looking for God's coming, and constantly listening with the ears of their hearts to God's words to them. So when Jesus and his parents came in to the temple that day, Simeon and Anna recognised that in this tiny infant was the fulfilment of all the mystery and wonder of God in all God's saving glory. Finally, they can sing and speak out, and what is the song we hear them sing? It is God's eternal throbbing love-song.

This place, drenched in prayer,  
Faithfulness soaking the stones,  
The Spirit gives birth

Now life arises  
Now love is come  
Joyfully sing God's love-song.

WENDY CROUCH

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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**  
**President:** John Baldock  
**Preacher:** Wendy Crouch  
**Reader:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Intercessor:** Neil Nyholm  
**Server:** Geoff Vincent  
**Euch. Asst.:** Neil Nyholm

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**President:** John Baldock  
**Preacher:** Wendy Crouch  
**Deacon:** TBA  
**Sub-Deacon:** Wendy Crouch  
**Readers:** Jonathan Way, Wendy Way  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Cantor:** TBA  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting  
**Thurifer:** Neil Nyholm  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea  
**For children:** Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

**After 10am Liturgy**  
**SPECIAL MORNING TEA** to farewell Wendy Crouch—Rutherford Room

**6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP**

### LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84;  
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2: 22-40*

**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.

## FEBRUARY-MARCH PRAYER JOURNAL

The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for February-March is available today. Please take your copy.

### A RELAXING SUNDAY LUNCH

**Sunday 17 February at 12.00noon**  
Join us for a relaxing Sunday lunch on Sunday 17 February at the Vicarage, to welcome everyone back after the holiday season. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, wine and desserts. Main course provided. \$15 adults and teens over 16, \$5 for children 15 and under. Bring a friend! No, bring two or three! All welcome!

### ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

Our regional bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, invites all women in the diocese to an inspiring event to be held in the Chapter House, Flinders Lane, Melbourne, on Monday 4 March from 5 -7 pm. The event, 'Empowering women in leadership', will encourage women to offer their skills in leadership at all levels of the church's life.

### ANGLICARE PARTNERSHIP GROUP begins the year with a Winner!

**JUDY DALTON**  
will speak on  
**FIFTY YEARS OF WIMBLEDON**

Monday 25 February 2.15pm  
in the Rutherford Room.  
Afternoon tea will be served.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—Friday 1st March at 11am** at Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell. We welcome you to join in this Ecumenical Service.

## THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO WENDY

This morning we thank and farewell our former Churchwarden, Dr Wendy Crouch, as she leaves us to be ordained a deacon in the Church of God next Saturday. Wendy will be the preacher this morning, and then there will be a presentation to her from the parish over a special morning tea. From next Sunday, she will be the assistant curate at St Bartholomew's, Burnley. We will miss her.

## ORDINATION OF WENDY CROUCH AND COLLEEN CLAYTON

Wendy Crouch and Colleen Clayton will be ordained to the Office of Deacon at 10.30am next Saturday, 9 February, at St. Paul's Cathedral, cnr Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne. Please pray for them and plan to join the service, if you can. And be with us next Sunday February 10, as we welcome Colleen to St John's as our Curate.

## EVENSONG RETURNS TO ST JOHN'S!

The Service of Evensong returns to St John's next Sunday, 10 February, at 6.00pm, and will be held each month on the second Sunday of the month. The music will be directed by Michael Fulcher. Please tell your friends!

**EVENSONG LETTERBOX DISTRIBUTION:** Following the success of our Christmas letterbox distribution campaign, we are continuing with this outreach avenue to advertise our Evensong services. Distribution kits including cards and maps for 50 areas are available on the back pew. We need all hands on deck to spread the word! Please consider helping with this effort.

## NEXT SUNDAY 10 February 2019

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 138;*

*1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11*

### 8.00am EUCHARIST

**President:** John Baldock  
**Preacher:** John Baldock  
**Reader:** Penny Galbraith  
**Intercessor:** Keith Dempster  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.:** Penny Galbraith

### 9.00am BREAKFAST

### 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

**President:** John Baldock  
**Preacher:** John Baldock  
**Deacon:** TBA  
**Sub-Deacon:** Cynthia Nyholm  
**Readers:** Brian Porter, Sue Banting  
**Intercessor:** Neil Nyholm  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC), Janice Wong, Carole Nicholls  
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### 6.00pm EVENSONG

*Genesis 13: 14-18; Galatians 3: 15-22*

**Server:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** Cynthia Nyholm, Ross Smith

**TMA—The Melbourne Anglican—** February issue, is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

**THE FLOWERS** in the church today are given in loving memory of Arthur Harvey by Dawn and the family.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Annie Slattery, Ella Pearse, Marion Hale, Dot Oxley, Ilse Morgan, Roscoe Wilson (Priest), and Beverley Webster, whose anniversaries occur at this time.