

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

This week Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel

Monday to Thursday
8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 5 May

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room
10.00am Moving into Music in Rutherford Room Annex (for one hour)
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting—Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 6 May

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

THURSDAY 7 May

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice

SATURDAY 9 May

- 9.00am-1.00pm** Cake and Preserves Stall outside Priceline in Burke Road.

SILENT RETREAT—QUEENSCLIFF—
Sunday 21 to Wednesday 24 June 2015—
Accommodation at Whitehall Guest House;
Sacred Space: St George's Church Queenscliff;
Retreat Leader: The Revd Peter Martin, (Vicar, Anglican Parish, Borough of Queenscliff). Cost: Retreat, catering and accommodation (3 nights) \$300. Contact Parish Office 03 5258 4624 or paroff11@tpg.com.au. Registration closes 15 June.

NEXT SUNDAY - 10 May 2015

Easter 6

*Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5.1-12; John 15. 9-17 or John 16.16-24*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Verona Lea, Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC)
Robin Carter, Alison Asquith,
Neil Nyholm

Euch. Assts. Sub-deacon; Neil Nyholm
Kidz@Church: Andrew Porter, Georgina Porter

12 noon Regina Coeli

3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST—David Moore, Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Fifth Sunday of Easter—3 May 2015

My Dear Friends,

Tensions, ruptures, schisms, and violent catastrophes within relationships are an ever-present reality to us all. At every level of human relating we know only too well how real and how tragic this can be: within marriages, families, churches, communities, nations, globally. No one is immune. Even if we have managed to cocoon our lives so as to avoid any immediate presence of the world's myriad violent conflicts, and their consequences, the reality will nevertheless press itself in upon us in one form or other.

None of us have been able to avoid the consequences of tension and rupture in relationships embodied in the firing squad executions on Nusakambangan Island. None can avoid the drowning deaths of 800 asylum seekers in the Mediterranean. The list of countries facing violent conflict and bloodshed is too long to name. Shutting our eyes or ears will not make go away the reality of the millions who are homeless and starving and refugee as a direct consequence of the 'global village' economic and political relationships which have caused them.

Such realities are very hard to live with. Anyone who pays attention is bound to have their heart broken. Alongside the sincere of every faith, Christians find this particularly so. The words of our tradition cut deeply: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." "Abide in me as I abide in you." "This is my commandment, that you love one another." Such words of sacred Scripture cut us to the heart, exposing those many ways in which we do not love one another. Perhaps in our immediate relationships, in those areas where we are painfully aware of the break between us and others which we do not seem to be able to mend. But more often than not through unconscious, unwitting, self-interest that simply blinds us to connection between our 'standard of living' and the invisible millions whose concerns seem so distant to us.

To those of us who sincerely read the Scriptures and break the Bread, all this pierces our hearts. We desire to be bearers of the fruit that abides, and yet, if we are honest, we know that there are times - whether deliberate or unconscious - when we are more like the branch that bears no fruit. Something in us needs to be pruned. There are times when it is precisely the pain of this state of affairs that will be the very means by which love breaks through, by which we will come to abide more deeply in the true vine - whose eternal desire is that we abide in this Love, and in each other. We pray that the Spirit of the risen Christ will kindle our longing to so abide in Love.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! David

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THE SERVICE TODAY

WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA! 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 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Assts. Keith Dempster

9.00-9.30am *Ministry of Healing in the Chapel*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Cantor: Ben Sharrock
Readers: Jane Rait
Sue Banting
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Julian Rait
Jenny Cook
James Moorhouse
Euch. Asst: Sub-Deacon; Ross Smith
Kidz@Church: Sue Pratt, Debbie Pratt

11.30am Defibrillator training in Rutherford Room

12 noon Regina Coeli

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Preacher: Linawati Tanujaya;
Presider: David Moore

6.00pm Contemplative Service— Keith Dempster

Readings for the Day

*Acts 8. 26-40; Psalm 22. 26-32;
1 John 4. 7-21; John 15.1-8.*

TRAINING ON DEFIBRILLATOR: TODAY, 3 May, 11.30am, Simon Bolch will be conducting a training session on the use of the defibrillator. The people who have done the on-line training are urged to attend and any other person who would like to participate is also welcome.

MIDWEEK PRAYER: Our prayer life and spiritual vitality are greatly enhanced, and supported and strengthened, when we participate in the daily prayer of the church. Work and family commitments, and Melbourne traffic, may well prevent us from being able to participate, physically, with our faith community at St John's - but all of us can establish a practice of Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer, or Compline, at home. The parish Journal of Prayer offers suggestions, and provides the daily Eucharistic Gospel reading. These daily 'offices' of prayer are one of the Anglican Church's great treasures, found in A Prayer Book for Australia. When it is possible to join with the community at prayer this is much to be recommended. Every weekday (public holidays excepted) your parish community offers Morning Prayer at 8.30am, and Evening Prayer at 5pm. Eucharists are offered every week on Tuesdays at Noon and Wednesday at 11.30am, on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, and the second Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome! Perhaps you might find it possible to build at least one such opportunity into your week, or month even?

NEXT SATURDAY CAKE & PRESERVES STALL—9 May outside Priceline in Burke Road. Please see flyer with these notices for full details.

ASCENSION EUCHARIST: 14 May—6.30pm. Some may wish to enjoy a meal out together after the Eucharist.

OCCASIONAL DINNER arranged by the Men's Group for **ALL** parishioners. Our speaker is Dr Hugh O'Neill - architect and frequent visitor to Indonesia since living there as a volunteer many years ago - will discuss "Indonesia in the Twentieth Century". Our experiences in Australia in the last century are vastly different to those of Indonesia. The Dinner is on **Wednesday 20 May** at 6.30pm for 7pm.

A NEW EXILE: The Future of Anglicanism: The latest book by Dr Muriel Porter has just been published, by Morning Star Publishers. This is an important and searching essay on the state of the Anglican Church. Available at St Peter's Bookroom.

REFUGEES: A PARISH CONVERSATION: The Revd Dr Stephen Burns, of Trinity College Theological School, will lead a parish conversation on the topic of refugees on Sunday 14 June at 11.45am. Dr Burns has written a 'Grove' booklet on this topic - we will endeavour to obtain copies.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Anglican Overseas Aid is responding quickly to support efforts to help people affected by the Nepal earthquake. Your donations will help ACT Alliance partners in Nepal provide immediate emergency support including shelter, water, food, medical support and psycho-social activities. To donate: <http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/our-work/current-emergencies/nepal-earthquake-appeal> or via donations form at the back of the church.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Wilfred De Soysa, Laura Lord, Harold De Soysa (Priest), and Donald Parkinson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

BCA BOXES are now due. Please hand to Carole Nicholls or bring into the office during office hours.

THANKSGIVING: Thanks to all who placed their Thanksgiving Commitment pledges on the Altar at the Patronal Feast. If you have not yet returned yours, please drop them in or post them to the parish office.

PRAYER JOURNAL: The Easter-Pentecost Journal of Scripture & Prayer is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

Guest Speaker: Next Saturday 9 May I will be guest presenter at "A Symposium on Science and Religion: The Entangled State of God and Humanity", a one-day training event in Brisbane held by the C G Jung Society of Queensland. The talk, 'Evolution and Christ in the Mystical Theology of Teilhard de Chardin' will be a representation of the talk I recently gave at St Peter's Easter Hill's Institute for Spiritual Studies. *David*

TMA The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

FUTURE DATES

Cake & Preserves Stall: Saturday 9 May - 9am-1pm

Ascension Day Eucharist 14 May—6.30pm. Some may wish to enjoy a meal out together after the Eucharist.

Occasional Dinner—20 May—6.30pm for 7pm. Speaker: Dr Hugh O'Neill. (See notice on this page.)

Day of Pentecost—May 24

Refugees: A Parish Conversation—Sunday 14 June at 11.45am in the Rutherford Room Speaker: The Revd. Dr Stephen Burns of Trinity College Theological School.