

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 4 August

4.00pm Wardens meet in Dempster Room

TUESDAY 5 August

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room

12noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.45pm Staff Lunch out

1.30pm Bp Perry Institute Committee meeting in Dempster Room

2.15pm Staff Meeting

3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 6 August

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel

12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room

12.30pm Deanery Meeting at Holy Trinity Kew

6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 7 August

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 9 August

9.30am Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room

7.00pm Indonesian Band practice—Rutherford Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 10 August 2014

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22; Romans 10. 4-15; Matthew 14. 22-36

8am EUCHARIST

President: Emily Fraser

Preacher: Emily Fraser

Reader: Penny Galbraith

Intercessor: Peter Forwood

Server: TBA

Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am Breakfast

10.00am FAMILY EUCHARIST

President: David Moore

Preacher: Emily Fraser

Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

Sub-Deacon: TBA

Readers: Kidz@Church & J2A

Intercessor: Kidz@Church & J2A

Servers: TBA

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Clare Tomasov

Kidz@Church: Staying in for Family Eucharist

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION

Preacher: Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWEL Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—3 August 2014

It is always a great pleasure and a real joy for me to come back to St John's, a place that was so vitally important in my formation as a Christian and priest; to see again people who were (and remain) not only dear and well-beloved friends, but shining examples of what it is to be members of the Body of Christ. For many of us, I suspect, there are such places, times and people that will always live in our memories as being truly significant and defining. Often, it is precisely because of the difficulties and heartaches we have been through with those people and in those places (and those who remember the years 2002-4 at St John's will be aware there were times of difficulty and heartache) that make the memory of them all the more important and formative.

We get a sense of some of these things in the readings we hear this morning. The story of Jacob's 'wrestling match' is one of those defining moments in the history of Israel – indeed, it is as a result of this incident that the people of Israel gain their name. Lurking behind this story, however, is the dysfunctional family relationships that exist throughout these central chapters of Genesis: Jacob sends his wives and children away because he fears what may happen in a 'reunion' with his brother, Esau, and what the present consequences of his former action – taking his brother's birthright as eldest son – might be.

Paul, too, speaks in anguish of his recognition that the faith in which he grew up, studied and mastered, is, for him, fulfilled in and by his faith in Jesus. What Paul painfully articulates is that this 'fulfilment' is not recognised as such by many of his fellow Jews. It appears to Paul that they are rejecting the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – the God of Israel. Paul's memory of his past, therefore, is bathed, therefore, both in joy and pain: his religious sense is, in modern jargon, conflicted.

The good news we hear from Matthew, however, is that Jesus – the incarnate God of Israel – will not allow any element of our past, or present, to be wasted. Even something as seemingly insignificant as five loaves and two fish is, in the hands of Jesus and blessed by him in a thanksgiving offering to his Father, made so abundant that not only are more than 5,000 people fed, but there are 12 baskets full of 'leftovers' that are to be gathered. The promises to the 12 tribes of Israel, Paul recognises, are not 'wasted', because in God's extraordinary faithfulness and generosity, all the people of God will eventually be gathered in. Our own joyful, and painful, memories are equally open to the transforming grace of God, and remind us of God's super-abundant generosity to the whole creation.

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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 liturgy.

WELCOME BACK: We are delighted to welcome back to St John's today the Revd Dr Gregory Seach, who will preach at both the 8am and 10am services. A former curate of this parish, Greg is currently Dean of Clare College, Cambridge. In January, he will take up appointment as Warden of Wollaston Theological College, Perth.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Gregory Seach
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

9.00-9.30am Ministry of Healing

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Gregory Seach
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins
Readers: Verona Lea, Rachel Lim
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins
Cantor: Howard O'Brien
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Neil Nyholm, Jenny Cook, Robin Carter
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon; Verona Lea

KIDZ@CHURCH: Cathy Hayes, Janice Wong and Alicia Palfreeman

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Baptism & Eucharist — Indonesian Congregation

Presider: Emily Fraser; Preacher: David Moore; Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

5.15pm Exploring Faith—Final Session

6.00pm Contemplative Service

TODAY: MINISTRY OF HEALING first Sunday of the month from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel. You are invited to come to talk, have hands laid on or be anointed. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

HOLY BAPTISM: We welcome Arielle Rusman, Julia Sutanto and Kamlesh Kumar in Holy Baptism during this afternoon's Indonesian Congregation service. We pray God's richest blessings on them on this happy day. Arielle is the daughter of our assistant curate Kuncoro and his wife Mun; Julia has been worshipping with the Indonesian congregation for some time; and Kamlesh has recently joined the congregation. Welcome too to their sponsors, families and friends.

A JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: The August-September journal is available in the Narthex. The Journal is a tremendous resource for fostering our spiritual life, - the Eucharistic gospels for each weekday, as well as the Sunday gospels and seasonal commentary and prayers, conveniently compiled into one readily-portable booklet. Whether we are at home or travelling, the Journal is of great assistance to our daily personal reflection on Scripture. Our communal Sunday Eucharist is greatly enhanced when we have prepared ourselves by meditating upon the forthcoming Sunday's gospel - we hear the words of sacred Scripture with greater perception and depth when we have taken the time to read and meditate upon them beforehand. Thanks to Muriel Porter for making this spiritual resource available to us.

Readings for the day:

*Genesis 32. 22-31; Psalm 17. 1-7;
Romans 9. 1-16; Matthew 14. 13-21*

BOOK SALE: FLYERS are available today and on the 10 and 17 August for letterboxing in our local area. Please collect flyers from the back of the church and mark on the map what street/s you will do. Your assistance in this task would be greatly appreciated.

BOOKS are required now for the sale on 30 August. Please bring books to the church no later than Sunday 24 August to allow time for sorting and pricing. This is a fundraising event, proceeds shared between Anglicare Victoria and Anglican Overseas Aid to assist their work with asylum seekers and refugees.

Enquiries to Penny Galbraith.

TMA – The Melbourne Anglican August Edition is available today. Please take a copy. Articles include:

- News of Archbishop Freier's election as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia and Archbishop Justin Welby's visit to Melbourne for Dr Freier's inauguration;
- An Open Letter reflecting on how Christians should respond to the Government's asylum seeker policy.

GAZA CRISIS APPEALS:

The Al-Ahli Arab hospital, which was setup and is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, urgently needs funds to enable it to continue its work with the people of Gaza. Two Anglican Agencies, Anglican Overseas Aid and Anglican Board of Mission, are running appeals to help meet the needs. Donation forms from these agencies are available at the back of the church or you can donate on-line as follows:

www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au

or

<http://www.abmission.org/gaza>

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Lorna Mason, Dorothy Webster, Stuart Morriss, Gwen Mattingley, and Nancy Room, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WINTER DINNER: Thankyou for supporting the "Italian" Winter Dinner. It was socially a great success and Neicia Shaw and her team are to be congratulated. Nungalinya College Darwin will receive \$2742 as a result of a lot of hard work.

MEN'S SOCKS NEEDED: There is an urgent need for men's socks (new or washed second-hand) for clients of St Peter's Eastern Hill Breakfast Program. They may be put in the basket on Sundays or left at the office.

FUTURE DATES

FAMILY EUCHARIST: August 10 at 10am.

BP. BARBARA'S FINAL VISIT: 10am, followed by morning tea, and 3pm Sunday 17 August.

BOOK SALE—Saturday 30 August—9am-3pm

COMBINED EUCHARIST: 31 August at Noon followed by lunch. (No 10am or 3pm Services)