

## FUTURE DATES

**Spring Series:** an exploration of liturgy. 4, 11, 18, 25 October—11.30am to 1pm.

**Two Open Sessions** re Contemplative Proposal (1) after 11.30am Wednesday Eucharist 7 October and (2) at 10am on Saturday 10 October.

**St Francis Day with Blessing of the Animals** 10am Sunday October 11.

**Open Forum** after 3pm—11 October

**Children's Ministry Meeting** 7.30pm Dempster Room Monday 12 October

**Melbourne Synod**—Wednesday 14 October to Saturday 17 October.

**All Souls Requiem Eucharist** 6.30pm Monday 2 November

**Annual Meeting:** 22 November at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm respectively unless otherwise noted below.*

### TUESDAY 6 October

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Support team meets in Dempster Room  
**12 noon** Eucharist in the Chapel  
**12.35pm** Staff meeting—Dempster Room  
**3.15pm** Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

### WEDNESDAY 7 October

- 9.30am** Playgroup resumes for Term 4  
**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by Open Session re Contemplative Proposal and then BYO lunch in Dempster Room  
**12.30pm** Deanery Meeting (elsewhere)

### SATURDAY 10 October

- 9am—2pm** Melbourne Cursillo using Chapel and Rutherford Room  
**10am** Open Session re Contemplative Proposal—Dempster Room and Old Vicarage

**VARIATION TO PREVIOUS NOTICE RE "PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO CHANGE":** Parishioners should note that Boroondara Council have advised that as of 1st October, the 1 hour metered parking will change to include 8am to 6pm on all days, **including Sundays**, on the **WEST SIDE** of Burke Rd between Victoria Rd and Denmark Hill Rd. **THE EAST SIDE** will remain as it is now—**NOT METERED ON SUNDAYS**.



# CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Pentecost 19—Sunday 4 October 2015**

### *A disturbing teaching*

Not many of us are immune from experiencing divorce – either personally or in the lives of loved ones. So Jesus' teaching about divorce in today's Gospel can be quite disturbing. His teaching against remarriage is particularly troubling.

For centuries, parts of the Christian Church have applied this teaching literally and rigorously, and none more harshly than the Anglican Church. Non-conformist churches such as the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and their modern counterpart the Uniting Church have been far more generous, as generations of divorced Anglicans discovered when they wished to remarry in church. And the Roman Catholic Church, while it is uncompromising about divorce and remarriage, nevertheless provides an annulment process. This not an easy option, but nevertheless offers some way out of an unworkable marriage without condemning divorcees to excommunication. But until a few decades ago, remarriage for divorcees in the Anglican Church was just not possible.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Anglican Church worldwide debated the matter as liberalised divorce laws meant increasing numbers of parishioners sought a more pastoral approach. Thankfully it heard their cries. Now our church does permit divorced people to marry in church.

So how do we respond to our Lord's teaching in the light of the contemporary situation? The good news is that there is Good News even in this troubling teaching – Good News for all of us.

*Muriel Porter*

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## 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.

### TODAY

#### 8am EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** Muriel Porter  
**Reader:** Keith Dempster  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Eucharistic Asst.:** Hans Ferdinands

#### 9.30am Healing Ministry

#### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** Muriel Porter  
**Deacon:** Muriel Porter  
**Sub-Deacon:** John Manton  
**Readers:** Kerry Pratt, Jane Rait  
**Intercessor:** Noela Manton  
**Cantor:**  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC), Jenny Cook, Robin Carter, Julian Rait  
**Eucharistic Assts.:** Sub-Deacon; Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Clare Tomasov

#### 11.30am Spring Series—Session 1 in the Rutherford Room

#### 3pm EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** David Moore  
**Pengkotbah:** Muriel Porter  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Roy  
**Pembaca Firman:** Christine  
**Pemain Musik:** ICC Band  
**Setup PA Sys:** ICC Band  
**Usher:** Albert  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Yolanda  
**Konsumsi:** Nora & Tetty  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Helena, Christine, Ronald, Geri

#### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

### TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Genesis 2. 18-24; Psalm 8;  
Hebrews 1, 1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16*

#### PARISH RETREAT 2016 - ADVANCE

**NOTICE:** from Friday (evening) 4 to Sunday (afternoon) 6 March, at Santa Casa Retreat House Queenscliffe. More details on noticeboard. To register interest please contact Dawn Sullivan at the parish office.

#### A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY

**PROPOSAL:** I will be continuing to make a presentation about the proposal to all parish groups in the coming weeks. I'll also offer this presentation at two open sessions: (1) immediately following the 11.30am Eucharist on Wednesday 7 October - all are welcome, and invited to join us at the Eucharist; and (2) at 10am on Saturday 10 October.

#### WARTA JEMAAT

1. Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan diri.

2. Pdt. Kuncoro saat ini cuti sampai tanggal 4 Oktober 2015. Akan melayani kembali di Gereja pada tanggal 6 Oktober.

3. Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford Room.

#### JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

The October-November edition of the Journal of Scripture & Prayer is available today. Please take a copy.

#### SPRING SERIES Our Worship. Our Faith. Our Mission:

Our whole-of-parish education-formation series begins 4 weeks today - October Sundays 4, 11, 18, 25. I look forward to our conversation and exploration together. For more information about the series see the front page pastoral letter of Contact on 7 June (on the noticeboard, copies in the narthex), the flier handed out on 23 August (copies in the narthex), and Contact front page 20 September. If you have any questions, please do ask. *David*

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING—

Monday 12 October at 7.30pm in the Dempster Room. Everyone is welcome.

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

**BCA BOXES** are now due. Please give to Carole Nicholls or bring to the Parish Office during office hours.

#### TRANSLATIONS:

Warta Jemaat : News  
Pembaca Mazmur : Reader, Psalm  
Pembaca Firman: Reader, Gospel  
Pemain Musik : Musician  
Konsumsi : Caterers  
Petugas Kebersihan : Cleaners

#### RESOURCE DAY : 'Year of Luke':

**Saturday 14 November** at Trinity College. 10am-5pm. For both lay people and clergy leading worship during 2016. Cost \$30 (waged) \$15 (unwaged) - includes lunch. See noticeboard for details.

#### PUBLIC FORUM: Last Climate Tango in

**Paris.** Tuesday 27 October, 7 for 7.30pm start at Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn. Lighter Footprints is holding this public forum about Australia's emissions reductions target and what climate experts advise. Speakers include Prof. Ross Garnaut, Prof. David Karoly and Anglican Bishop Genevieve Blackwell. See [www.lighterfootprints.org](http://www.lighterfootprints.org). See flyer on noticeboard.

#### NEXT SUNDAY, 11 October

##### Feast of Francis

*Sirach 3.17-23; Psalm 148;  
Galatians 6.14-18; Matthew 11.25-30*

#### 8am EUCHARIST

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

#### 9am BREAKFAST

#### 10am FAMILY EUCHARIST with blessing of animals

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** TBA  
**Intercessor:** Kidz@Church  
**Servers:** Neicia Shaw (MC), James Moorhouse, Clare Tomasov & Kidz@Church  
**Euch. Assts.:** Clare Tomasov  
**Kidz@Church:** All staying in for Family Eucharist

#### 11.30am Spring Series—Session 2

#### 3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** Kuncoro  
**Pengkotbah:** David Moore  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Helena  
**Pembaca Firman:** Geri  
**Pemain Musik:** Darius  
**Setup PA Sys:** Radit  
**Usher:** Norma  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Mun  
**Konsumsi:** Geri & Norma  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Julia, Yolanda, Chong, Nora

#### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Frederick Humffray, Clement Crisp, Arthur Rowe, Peter Krahnert, Florence Woodbridge, Thomas Muggridge, Gwen Bromilow, Ellen Morriss, and Albert Newton, whose anniversaries occur at this time.