

FUTURE DATES

Children's Ministry Meeting—7.30pm 20 February

Families Eucharist 1—10am Sunday 26 February

Anglicare Partnership Group meets Monday 27 February, 2.15pm

Ash Wednesday—1 March—11.30am & 8pm
(Note—No curry night)

World Day of Prayer—Sunday March 5 at 2pm at Camberwell Uniting Church

Lent Quiet Morning—Saturday 11 March

Lent Parish Retreat—March 31 to April 2 at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Registration required—speak with Dawn Sullivan.

GETTING READY FOR LENT

LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT & PALM

CROSSES: On the **Last Sunday before Lent—Sunday 26 February** at the 10am Eucharist (NB: revised time) - we will consign last year's palm crosses to fire, in readiness for our Lenten observance. **All are** invited to bring last year's crosses on that day—and invite others to do likewise. If you have put last year's palm cross in a very safe place, now is a good time to go searching!

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY!

Let us begin Lent together celebrating the Liturgy of Ashes & Eucharist—11.30am and 8pm.

IN THE PARISH

Morning Prayer 8.30am

Evening Prayer 5pm

in the Chapel Monday to Friday

MONDAY 6 February

4.00pm Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets in Dempster Room

TUESDAY 7 February

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Group meets in Dempster Room

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.35pm Staff Meeting in Dempster Room

1.00pm-2.15pm Staff lunch out of office

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 8 February

9.45pm Little Seeds Playgroup

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

4.00pm Amnesty Letter-Writing Group meets in Dempster Room

7.00pm Eucharist

7.30pm Parish Council meeting in the Dempster Room

SATURDAY 11 February

10.00am Eucharistic Assistants training session

5.00pm Families BBQ at the Vicarage

LENT QUIET MORNING: 9am - 1pm

Saturday 11 March, in the church, parish centre, and grounds. All are welcome.

LENT-EASTER CALENDAR &

SEASONAL GUIDE: Available next week.



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Candlemas—The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—5 February 2017

My Dear Friends,

Candlemas is often described as a kind of 'hinge' in the church's year: one last look back to the Crib; turning around to face the Cross. Though still a new-born, the prophetic utterances of Simeon over the 40 day old Jesus are, to our culture's way of thinking, quite shocking. The child called 'holy' is "destined for the rising and falling of many... a sign to be opposed." Passion and crucifixion are the vocation for this infant! Not only is the child so destined. His mother is to have her soul pierced!

It's crucial to appreciate that this story speaks not so much of religious propositions, ideas to be believed in; but of spiritual experience. The 'presentation of Christ in the Temple' is not something to be 'believed in'; rather, it's the poetic expression of the ineffable experience, the personal encounter with the transcendent. This fact makes all the difference.

This is what makes the difference between tame adherence to doctrines, to religious statements and propositions (anyone can manage that), and the wild experience of encounter, of going on the way, of spiritual journey.

This infant is to undergo a way, to discover by experience what is the truth of God and humankind. He will not discover his Son-ship merely by studying Torah scrolls and passing a bible test; but by being driven into the wilderness of his own soul, there to discover his own dark potential.

This old man Simeon is not a retired executive still attempting to flex his muscles and control his world, just as he did in his virile years; but the wise man who has discerned that relinquishment, detachment is the way to life.

This mother is not the model wife preening herself at the tennis club; but the courageous, pioneering woman whose consent to bear the Cross-bound divine will also cost her not less than everything, the piercing of the soul.

Candlemas invites us into this wild experience with God, of being disciples: the piercing of our souls, relinquishment, wilderness. Notice that both Simeon and Anna have been hanging around the Temple, for a long time. Not because they are pious goody-two-shoes; but because meaningful encounter is a function of readiness, openness.

Candlemas invites us to be open to the wild and untameable experience of the Divine call, to present ourselves, all that we have and are, for transformation. In the words of the great 20th century theologian Karl Rahner: "Since Christ does not release us from his fate, let us hope that we will discover in our association with the sacrament of his heart what we will be and what we actually are."

With my love, David

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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 following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room, or for the evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8am EUCHARIST

President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Julian Rait, Jane Rait
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Julian Rait
Euch. Asst: Keith Dempster

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Verona Lea, Carole Nicholls
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Cantor: Janette Fly
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Jenny Cook, Robin Carter, Geoff Vincent

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

President: David Moore
Pengkotbah: David Moore
Pembaca Mazmur: Yolanda Ohello
Pembaca P Baru: Iesje Bakar-Tobing
Pembaca Firman: Norma Philippe
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia
Setup PA Sys: Ben Kalla
Usher:
Sekolah Minggu:
Konsumsi:
Petugas kebersihan:

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT—
Keith Dempster

TODAY'S LECTIONS

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

A JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER for February-March is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

CLARE TOMASOV: I am pleased to report that on Tuesday 14 February, Clare will be starting a part time unit in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with Austin Health. CPE is an action-reflection process of education in pastoral care. This will involve Clare in one day a week at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and two days a week clinical practice at the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital. Her decision to do CPE is a result of her "Year of Discernment" in 2016. She will continue at St John's as the children and families minister for three days a week – these days now being Sunday, Monday and Friday. *David.*

NEXT SUNDAY, 12 February, Tommy Janczewski, son of Heidi & Adam, and grandson of Genevieve & Willem Bogtstra, will be baptised at the 10am Eucharist.

YEAR OF MATTHEW: This year, the Year of Matthew, we will explore his Gospel in some depth over three Sunday morning sessions in March, 11.45am to 12.45am: Sunday 5 March, 'Matthew's Story', with Canon Professor Dorothy Lee; Sunday 12 March, 'Matthew's Spirituality', with the Reverend John Stewart; and Sunday 19 March, 'Matthew's Soul', with Fr David.

OPEN FORUM: The next Open Forum will be on the revised date of Sunday 26 March at 11.30am.

WARTA JEMAAT

Kami ucapkan selamat datang untuk beribadah pada hari Minggu ini. Kami undang semuanya, terutama bagi yang baru pertama kali hadir, untuk berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan malam bersama di Rutherford Room setelah kebaktian selesai.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP has recommenced for the school year. Our playgroup meets every Wednesday during term time from 9.45-11.45am. Carers, together with their children (0-4 years old), enjoy play, craft, friendship, morning tea, music and stories. We have vacancies available in our playgroup and we welcome any new families who are interested in being a part of our group. If you know anyone who might benefit from being a part of our playgroup, please direct them to contact Jennifer Moore on (03) 9882 4851 or playgroup@stjohnscamberwell.org.au.

Perhaps you might consider volunteering your time to assist in our playgroup ministry? Help is currently needed for vacuuming at 11.45am on Wednesday mornings during term time. If you are able help on a fortnightly or monthly roster for vacuuming, please let Jennifer Moore know. Thank you for your support of this parish ministry.

THE ASYLUM SEEKER & REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP will meet tomorrow, Monday 6 February at 4pm in the Dempster Room.

THE AMNESTY LETTER-WRITING GROUP will meet on Wednesday next, 8 February at 4pm in the Dempster Room. All are welcome.

EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS TRAINING: Our annual training/review session will be 10am next Saturday 11 February, in the church. New enquirers are welcome to join those who are currently authorised as assistants.

FAMILIES BBQ AT THE VICARAGE: All families with children are welcome to a vicarage BBQ, 5pm Saturday 11 February. For details, contact Clare Tomasov.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY: The Council will gather for its annual planning day on Saturday 18 February.

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican—The February edition is available today. Please take a copy.

NEXT SUNDAY, 12 February 2017
3rd Sunday before Lent

*Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm 119. 1-8;
1 Corinthians 3. 1-9; Matthew 5. 21-37*

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Holy Baptism

President: David Moore
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Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Noel Anderson, Margaret Anderson
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Liz Pratt

3.00pm EUCHARIST
Bahasa Indonesia

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

ALL AGES
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE 2017

at the Uniting Church, Camberwell Road.
SUNDAY MARCH 5—2.00-4.00pm

EDUCATION & FORMATION CALENDAR 2017: The calendar is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Dot Oxley, Ilse Morgan, Roscoe Wilson (Priest), Beverley Webster, Ian Peters, Nora Rundle and Reginald Pratt, whose anniversaries occur at this time.