

## 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 7 July

**9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room  
**12 noon** Eucharist in the Chapel  
**12.35pm** Staff meeting—Dempster Room  
**1.00pm** Staff lunch out

### WEDNESDAY 8 July

**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room  
**7.00pm** Eucharist  
**7.30pm** Parish Council meets in Dempster Room

### THURSDAY 9 July

### FRIDAY 10 July

**11.00am** Refugee and Asylum Seekers Support Group meets with Misha Coleman in the Rutherford Room

### SATURDAY 11 July

## NEXT SUNDAY - 12 July 2015

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7. 7-14, Psalm 85.8-13;  
Ephesians 1. 1-4; Mark 6. 14-29.

**8am EUCHARIST**  
**Presider:** Richard Wilson  
**Preacher:** Richard Wilson  
**Reader:** Penny Galbraith  
**Intercessor:** Peter Forwood  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.** Penny Galbraith

**9.00am BREAKFAST**

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**Presider:** Richard Wilson  
**Preacher:** Richard Wilson  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** TBA  
**Readers:** Verona Lea  
Kerry Pratt  
**Intercessor:** Brian Porter  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC)  
James Moorhouse, Alison Asquith,  
Neil Nyholm  
**Euch. Assts.** Sub-Deacon; Neil Nyholm  
**Kidz@Church:** TBA

**3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST—Richard Wilson, Kuncoro Rusman**

**6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster**



# CONTACT

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST—5 JULY 2015

My Dear Friends,

Mark the Evangelist tells us that when Jesus taught in his hometown synagogue the people asked in astonishment: "Where did he learn these things, and what is the wisdom that has been given to him?" The reader will notice that this astonishment is not only a hometown matter. At the very outset of the gospel Mark tells us that in Capernaum 'they were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching, and with authority!" Where *did* Jesus get all this? What is this *new* authority? Where *does* this wisdom come from?

Of course everyone who knows the end of the story, and who has the benefit of 2000 years of Christian teaching, knows the answer: Jesus gets 'all this' as God's Son, as the Second Person of the Trinity. Those within the frame of the gospel story itself don't have that benefit. From their point of view Jesus' 'authority' is observed as teachings and deeds that defy standard religious practice, different from those who can quote chapter and verse from the Scriptures. Jesus seems to have access to another source.

What is this source? What is it that enables Jesus to both stand firmly and faithfully in his Jewish tradition, and yet embody it in ways so different from the religious rule keepers? Mark tells the reader that the moment Jesus was baptised the Spirit drove him into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan, to be with wild beasts, emerging from wilderness with an announcement of 'good news'. Jesus is no longer merely reading about God as mediated through the collective wisdom of the Scriptures: he now has immediate, direct experience of the Divine Mystery. He has experienced something. The experience itself is never described, of course - just as Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the unpronounceable Divine Name, likewise as we also read this morning of St Paul's indescribable encounter with 'the third heaven'.

The spiritual life does not consist in reading about other peoples' experiences. It is not the keeping of religious rules and regulations. Nor is the spiritual life merely the comfort and familiarity of belonging to the hometown family - it is *not* tribal or national or ethnic or parochial solidarity. The spiritual life is about direct, lived encounter with the Holy, the 'Mysterium Tremendum'. John the evangelist will later employ the metaphor of 'abiding in the Father'. This abiding in God is the 'source' of our new humanity. Everything we do as church is for this purpose, to foster and encourage in every person this direct encounter, this lived reality. The church has no other purpose - that could not otherwise be accomplished by any other human organisation - apart from fostering access to this Source.

With my love, 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: Keith Dempster  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

### 9.00am Healing Ministry in Chapel

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm  
Readers: Adrienne Bolch; Jane Rait  
Intercessor: Muriel Porter  
Cantor:  
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)  
Julian Rait, Jenny Cook,  
Robin Carter  
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon; Jenny Cook  
Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays.  
Children's activities at back  
of church

**11.30am OPEN FORUM**  
**3.00pm Indonesian Congregation**  
Kuncoro Rusman  
**6.00pm Contemplative Service -**  
Keith Dempster

**N.B. NOTICES FOR CONTACT**  
for next week (while Dawn Sullivan is on leave).  
Please have notices in the office by 10am Tuesdays. If  
emailing, please send a copy of the email to David  
Moore, vicar@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

*Readings of the Day*  
Ezekiel 2.1-15; Psalm 123;  
2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

### STAFF ABSENCES:

**David Moore** will be taking three weeks annual leave, from Saturday 11 July to Saturday 1 August. During this time all pastoral matters should be addressed to Kuncoro Rusman.

**Clare Tomasov** is on annual leave from 21 June to 27 June incl, and on Retreat from 28 June to 5 July incl. She will also be on annual leave for one day on 12 July.

**Dawn Sullivan** is on annual leave from 30 June to 10 July incl. If anyone would like to volunteer an hour or two in office hours during this week to assist in the office please speak to the Vicar.

### A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY:

a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. Thanks to all who completed the initial response forms, and who have responded with letters and emails. All responses received will be tabled at the Parish Council meeting this week. A summary of the issues will be available during today's Open Forum. The open invitation I have been extending since Sunday 13 May remains open, for anyone who would like to participate in the planning/discussion group to speak with me. I'm grateful for those who have now met twice, and prepared the various materials which are available at today's Open Forum. All the information will be available in the parish office, on the Narthex table. Readings, resources and links will also shortly be available on the parish web site. I have set this vision before us, that we might spend 6 months in prayer, reflection and discussion as we consider where God may be leading us in mission and ministry. *David*

**SPRING SERIES ON LITURGY:** On the front page of Contact of 7 June (copies on table in narthex), there was an update on Parish Council's Goal #1, 'Liturgical Development'. The invitation is still open if you would like to participate in the planning group, or if you have questions, please contact David as soon as possible.

### "BEST OF BRITISH" WINTER DINNER

**Friday 24 July**—7.00 for 7.30pm. A night not to be missed! **Tickets on sale now.**

*Come ready for a fun and entertaining Best of British evening—supporting the work of Nungalingya College, Darwin.*

British menu, entertainment, prizes, silent auction and more...

Donations of new goods, talents or cash to contribute to our silent auction are welcome.

\$40 per head including drinks (sorry, no byo) - Dress code: "Best of British".

### REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP:

a meeting to plan our future advocacy and support work. The special guest is Misha Coleman executive officer of the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce. Parishioners will hear about the work being done by the ACRT, an ecumenical group of churches and parishioners will also be able to let us know their views about possible advocacy action. The meeting will be held on Friday 10 July at 11.00am in the Rutherford Room. Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you plan to attend.

**THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S** Community Support Group BYO Lunch Time Meeting Monday 13 July at 12 pm in the Dempster Room. Our lunch time meetings twice a year give us the opportunity to keep in touch with each other and to talk about our activities in the community during the past 6 months. We extend the invitation to all members of the Parish who may be interested to hear about our outreach ministry activities or become involved in some way. Please let me know if you are attending. Liz Pratt 9885 8060 or [liz@pratt.id.au](mailto:liz@pratt.id.au)

### Thanksgiving Renewal 2015:

We've had a very satisfactory outcome for which we can all be thankful. The new total pledge is \$143,474 from the 76 pledge responses received. This represents a 23% increase on the value of active pledges prior to our Renewal. The number of those pledging increased by 18%. The total pledge does not include unpledged cash offertory. The complete summary will be available for inspection in the Parish Office after the Parish Council meeting this week. We express our gratitude to Jonathan Way and John Lester who guided us through Thanksgiving this year

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God Minnie Manderson, Philip Strong (Bishop), Reginald Fenwick-Brown (Priest), and Mary Cohn, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Marriage:** Our congratulations to and prayers for Donna Bourke and David Sutton, married at St John's yesterday.

**EXPERIENCING CHRISTIAN FAITH:** Please see the enclosed flyer about the forthcoming adult education program. To assist planning, please note the booking date of 19 July.

### Trinity College Theological School Appeal:

Trinity is vital to the wellbeing and health and future of ministry development in our church, through its commitment to the historic breadth of Anglicanism, to a church which is open and generous, grounded in liturgy, scripture, and reason. With a plan to extend its theological programmes, Trinity is seeking additional funding support from parishes in the Diocese. At the forthcoming Inaugural Archbishop's Dinner Trinity will launch its 'Faith in Our Future' appeal, to be held at Trinity College on Wednesday 26 August. It would be good for St John's to express its support for future ordained ministry development by forming a table of 10 to participate in the Archbishop's Dinner. If you would like to support this initiative please advise the parish office. If emailing, address to [office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au](mailto:office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au) with 'Trinity -

### FUTURE DATES

**Pastoral Care Support Team meeting—7 July—9.30am** Dempster Room

**Refugee & Asylum Seekers Group—**Parish Meeting in Rutherford Room, **Friday 10 July at 11am** with Misha Coleman, Executive Officer, Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce.

**Friends of St John's** Community Support Group—Lunchtime meeting 13 July 12 noon in the Dempster Room

**The Winter Dinner— "Best of British" - Friday 24 July—7.00 for 7.30pm.** Tickets on sale now.

**10am Open Forum after Eucharist - Sunday 9 August** in the Rutherford Room

**Combined Eucharist, Sunday 23 August; at 12.00 noon; NO 10.00 am and 3.00 pm liturgies**

**Trinity College Archbishop's Dinner - 6.30-10.30pm Wednesday 26 August**