

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 7 October

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room
12noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff meeting
1.15pm Staff Lunch out
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 8 October

- 9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup starts Term 4
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 11 October

- 10.00am** Communications Committee meeting in the Dempster Room
2.30pm Meeting in Rutherford Room
7.00pm Indonesian Band Practice

THINKING OF STUDY IN 2015?

Theology for Today's Church. Trinity College Theological School offers programs for everyone: lay people, ordinands, chaplains and researchers. Website www.trinity.edu.au/theology, or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY - 12 October, 2014

St Francis Day—Blessing of Animals

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for St Francis Day:

Job 42.1-17 or 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119.65-72;

Luke 10.17-24

8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am Breakfast

10am FAMILY EUCHARIST with Blessing of Animals

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Emily Fraser
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Clare Tomasov & J2A
Intercessors: Clare Tomasov & Kidz@Church
Servers: Neil Nyholm, Robin Carter, Sue Banting, James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Clare Tomasov
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIA SERVICE Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—5 October 2014

My Dear Friends,

I listened with a breaking heart this week to a series of horrifying tales of destruction and murder committed against Christians, by Moslems. It is entirely understandable that such experiences foster a deep distrust of this entire branch of the Abrahamic family. A person of decency can only feel revulsion, and agree that tribalistic atrocities of every kind are abominable, inexcusable. Some of us, with good reasons, go one step further and would add unforgiveable. Anyone who is willing to hear something of the experience of Muslims – easier said than done when truth is the first casualty of war - will hear the same chilling story. History cannot be erased. The sins of the crusading and proselytising 'fathers' have a generational effect. As the current events remind us, the cycle of retributive violence seems unbreakable.

In today's gospel parable the owner of the vineyard does something utterly unexpected and astonishing. His honour has been flagrantly disrespected. Blood has been shed. His anger is truly righteous. Middle Eastern biblical scholar Kenneth Bailey assures us that any Middle Easterner understands precisely what this means in an 'honour culture', and in light of Jewish law. Retribution is the legitimate course of action to deal with both the dishonour and the righteous anger. Luke's account of today's parable includes an element omitted in Matthew, a revealing question the vineyard owner asks of himself: 'What shall I do?' It's an agonising question – the very same question any person asks, anyone who has been dishonoured, who is legitimately bearing righteous anger in their breast. In the face of these outrages, what shall I do?

The vineyard owner does the unthinkable. He relinquishes his legitimate retribution! He refuses to allow his enemies to dictate his response. He does the one thing no one expects, and which none of his advisors would recommend – he sends his own son. In the context of the gospel it takes no great insight to make the connection between this vineyard owner and the Divine Lover. Is further violence the answer? The gospel parable's emphatic response foreshadows precisely what is about to take place in the flesh in Jerusalem – the Son answers the age-old question, with his own life. We have set before us, in parable as in Jesus' life, the only way of breaking the cycle of retribution: self-emptying, *kenosis*. Little wonder Ghandi, though wary of the church, was so enamoured with Jesus: 'Any eye for an eye,' he warned, 'and the whole world goes blind.'

What shall we do? The gospel is preparing a capacity in us to accomplish the unthinkable and the apparently impossible. Breaking the age-old cycle cannot be mandated to the masses – it can only begin in the individual human heart. But as we see, one transformed heart can change the world!

With my love, David

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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 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.00am—9.30am Healing Ministry

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch
Verona Lea
Cantor: Howard O'Brien
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Jenny Cook
Neicia Shaw
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neicia Shaw
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomaso—Term 4 starts today.

12 noon The Angelus

1.30pm Indonesian Coordinating Committee meets in Dempster Room

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation Apwee Ting

5.00pm Indonesian Elders meeting

6.00pm Contemplative Service Keith Dempster

Readings for the day:

*Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3. 1-14; Matthew 21. 33-46.*

TODAY—MINISTRY OF HEALING: On the first Sunday of the month from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel. All are welcome to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

The Journal for October-November is available today. This edition includes an outline of the Liturgical Year, which you might find helpful as we draw closer to the beginning of the new Church Year in Advent.

NOTES from the **Open Forum** held 21 September are available on the table in the narthex.

PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER REPORT—copies are on the table in the narthex. Minutes of Parish Council meeting are available in the Parish Office.

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

JUDY MOORE is Acting Director of Music.

KUNCORO is on annual leave.

DEADLINE FOR NOTICES in Contact—1pm Thursdays.

PIZZA AND QUIZ NIGHT: Friday October 24 at 7pm in the Rutherford Room. Supporting Anglican Overseas Aid for **AL AHLI ANGLICAN HOSPITAL GAZA APPEAL**. Join in this fun filled night—invite your families and friends. \$20 per head—BYO drinks. Tickets are available from today after the 10am Service. See Robin Carter.

LECTIONARIES FOR 2015: If you ordered a copy please arrange to collect it from the office. If you wish to purchase a copy please ring the office. They are \$13 each (incl. GST).

WHERE ARE THE NEW AUSTRALIANS? *Recalling the economic contribution of migration.* St Peter's Breakfast Conversation—Thursday 30 October at 7.30am at St Peter's Church, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne. The conversation will be led by Professor Robert Wood of the Melbourne Business School's Centre for Ethical Leadership at Ormond College. \$35—includes hot breakfast. Booking: www.trybooking.com/FXDB. Enquiries Fr. Richard Wilson 0417 014 595. See our noticeboard for more details.

ANNUAL REPORTS from Wardens, Parish Council, the Vicar, Assistant Curates, Children's Minister, Music Director, and all leaders of Parish Groups and committees need to be with the Parish Administrator no later than **31 October**.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Florence Woodbridge, Thomas Muggridge, Gwen Bromilow, Ellen Morriss, and Albert Newton, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR—2015—NOW AVAILABLE from Dawn Harvey. Funds raised assist Anglican Overseas Aid—\$12 each.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available at St John's. Order list and display on Sundays is in the Church and in the office during office hours. Please order early as the best ones run out quickly.

CHRISTMAS CARDS : The Parish's beautiful 150th anniversary cards depicting the Madonna & Child are available from the Parish Office or after the 10am Service on Sundays. 10 for \$10. Commemorative pens also available for \$2 each.

FUTURE DATES

ST FRANCIS DAY & PET BLESSING : 12 October at 10am.

PIZZA & QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 24 October at 7pm. See details elsewhere in these notices.

ALL SAINTS— November 2 at 8am and 10am.

ALL SOULS—November 2—Requiem Eucharist at 7pm.

ANNUAL MEETING 23 November in Rutherford Room 11.30am. (Closing date for nominations for Wardens (2), Parish Council (6) and Incumbency Committee (2) is **Friday** 14 November at 12 noon.)